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Philadelphia FILE

SUBJECT Thomas L. Black

FILE NO. 65-4332-1-B-1

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1-B-1 (31)

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Thomas L. Black

Exhibit Number	Description	Released	Denied	Withheld
65-4332-1-B-1(1)	surveillance notes	✓		
(2)	signed statement; photo	✓		
(3)	surveillance notes	✓	Best copy available	
(4)	letter + 1 sheet	✓	Best copy available	
(5)	statements of subject	✓		
(6)	interview notes	✓	Best copy available	
(7)	FD-26 (consent to search)	✓		
(8)	notes of search	✓		
(9)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(10)	signed statements	✓		
(11)	search notes	✓		
(12)	surveillance notes	✓		
(13)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(14)	surveillance notes	✓		
(15)	surveillance notes	✓	Best copy available	
(16)	Inventory	✓		
(17)	Inventory of search	✓		
(18)	Log of interview of subject	✓		
(19)	photo of subject	✓		
(20)	subject's trash	✓	available for view	
(21)	Log of interview of subject	✓		

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PHIL. BULKY EXHIBIT FILES

Thomas L. Black

[illegible]

Retained 6/27/61, 22
Return 5/3/67 CS

THOMAS L. BLACK, was
ESPIONAGE R
65-4332

THIS MATERIAL IS LOCATED IN THE BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Surveillance notes of SA Middleton on 6-12-50. (see ser 154)

Return
11/18/59
AK

2. Signed statement, Harry Rosen dtd 6-14-50
3. Photo of subject with Rosen's signature
4. Two photo static copies of Rosen's w/ bill for cab 657 on 6-9-50 (see ser 154)
5. Agents surveillance notes (see ser 153)
6. (1) 2 sheets of ltr dtd 6-9-46 to "Dear Yank" with chemical formula
7. Notes dictated by subject on 6-15-50
8. Note on "interview" with subject 6-15-50
9. 7.D. 26 - consent to search Laboratory at 1927 W. 6th St
10. Notes of search by L.A. Pett of Black's Lab at Chas. Berg Laboratories, 1821 W 5th St
11. Log of interview w/ Thomas L. Black on June 15 + 16, 50
12. Signed statement of Subject 6-15-50
13. Notes of search at 1924 W. 6th St, Phila; Rooms of subject by L.A. Pett
14. Surveillance notes on 6-15-50 on Black (see ser 223)
15. Log of interview on 6-20-50 w/ subject by SA? Weller
16. Notes on physical surveillance on 6-14-50 on subject (see ser 154)
17. Notes on surveillance of Subject 6-14-50
18. Inventory on signed by Black + one C. [unclear]
19. Inventory of search (original + one C. [unclear])
20. Two page log of interview of Subject 6-21-50 in room 512
21. SA's Holmes dtd 6-21-50 in room 512
22. 6 print - 18 notes of 1929 Penn State College yearbook photo of Subject (249)
23. 1 sheet re Subject 1929 W. 6th St, Phila 6-15-50
24. Interview log w/ Subject in room 512 on 6-21-50
25. Stereotype notes of Subject 6-21-50
26. Surveillance notes on "Subject" 6-20-50
27. Stereotype notes on interview of Subject 6-15-50
28. Auto notes re searches + interview with Weller 6-15-50
29. Surveillance notes covering 6-16-50 + 6-17-50
30. Consent to search Spruce Chemical Co. Laboratory + the Spruce Co. Storage
31. Surveillance notes for 6-21-50
32. Notes SA Holmes re 6-21-50, Phila. Tree Library re [unclear]
33. Notes SA Holmes re check of notes + interview, morning, second, evening

Return
4/11/62
11/10/59
65-4332-1-B-1
FBI - PHILADELPHIA
JUN 17 1960

Date Received 6-12-50

From JJ Middleton
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By Same
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description: Surv. notes
on 6/12/50.

File No. 65-4332-1-B-1(1)

1807

100

392

5-12-50

Ch

Alfred H. Hargrave

183-14100
7-19-1918

50317

33
40

Her name is

12

1874

(4)

10³⁰ left drug store

10²⁴ arrived home

11³⁴ light out

PCD

(5)

8³⁵ lady walked
home with two
packages

8⁴⁰ arrived home

8⁵⁰ left home

8⁵² mailed letter at
Berks + station

8⁵⁴ at work

8⁵⁶ left work with
two packages

9⁰⁰ arrived home

9⁰⁵ left home

9¹⁰ arrived at corner
store 1808 Huntington

entered place of work

9¹² went home
with 2 boxes

9¹⁵ arrived home

9²⁰ left home

9²⁵ arrived at
place of work

8⁵⁶

Black car

on 1st

2nd

1st South

6¹⁰ Black Bull at
along + stand

6⁴⁰ made til call
from middle

Gil. Booth on
wholesale drug store

Dread + also

6⁵⁶ left til post

Took 6.5 steel
car # 8.375

to 6 + Berks

7²⁰ walked to
mark at lab.

W. S. 7

PCD

6-12-58

65-4332

WGC

3:50 PM On location - vicinity
1827 N. 5th

5:02 PM Left with man with
5'7" 160 lbs
white straw hat - Galbreath

Went across 5th &

Permutan Ave. Did

not come into sight after

crossing. I/O checked

P

5:11 PM - 6-12-68
Caching and

pure campane left -
had entered relatively new
light green De Jota LP392

Caching has visible glasses

North, 1 to Alleyway

Left on right on Valley
over to 8th, north of 8th

6-12-55

Log

5:30 PM

Car stopped on East side of
12th St - 2nd house
north from corner 12th + 65th Ave
Driver got out and entered
front entrance of house

Grey stone house, cream trim
Coach (open) hedge around
and drove into porch

Green awnings on house to
north of 12th with white stripes

Brick house on corner 12th + 65th
White horse parked foot fence

5:40 PM - Driver came out
with brown paper bag in hand

6-12-50

Wgc

5:45 PM Arrived 1908 Dallas
(Word from JJM) - subject
entered + left 5:50

5:53 PM Package was
dropped off at 20th + Ogden

5:56 Package boarded
#6 trolley - 2065

Southbound on Ogden

6:10 Trolley arrived

Olney station - JCO
out

Writer proceeded to Columbia
+ Broad + thence to
Germantown 5th

6-12-50 Lge

6:45 PM D. Hill at Paramount &

5th Bk & word via radio
that packing was a problem

My place at Olney & Broad

making phone call to JCO

proceeded to Columbia & Broad

arriving at 6:58 PM

6-12-50

7:25^{PM} Word from ^{Wye}JCO that
package was at IFV 7.5th
8:00 PM the fraction in
Cadvallidat, 1/2 mile south of
Berks covering rear entrance
to Berg Lab.

8:35 Galbaga left work -
(word from P115)

8:36 Saw package at Grennham
+ Berks - Package
under arm - appeared to
be two packages wrapped
in brown paper and the
wrapped together with
gunned tape.

6-12-54

Log

8:40 PM - Package arrived
home -

8:50 Package left home

8:52 Package mailed letter
in box on SE corner

Perk + Germantown

8:54 Package returned 1627754

9:05 left house ⁶⁻⁵⁰ _{WGC}
9:10 left arrived office
1827 95th did not enter. went
to 1808 Fremont Ave
9:14 Back to office
9:35 Left office } JSM
9:40 Entered home
2 packages - one under } JCO
each arm
10:00 Package in
Cul rate drug store
2040? (no number) Fremont
Package in booth making
telephone call
FREMONT 7 9755
10:20 - Left drug store
11:00 On home
11:30 light out

6-12-50

J J m

4¹⁰/₀ Sun started

6718 no 8H

J J m + A F H

4¹²/₀ Disc Covered

671827 no 5H

4³⁸/₀ an. 1827 no 5H

5¹¹/₀ dep. 1827 no 5H

in 21 Green Heart

6P392 with another

5³⁰/₀ an 6503 no 12H

companion entered house

5⁴⁰/₀ comp. dep. an +

drove Subj to

1908 Dallas St.

5⁴⁵/₀ an 1908 Dallas

Subj entered

5⁴⁹/₀ Sub. dep. 1908 Dallas

5⁵⁰/₀ Subj dep car

+ boarded #6

Trolley 20H +

ogony

6¹⁰/₀ Subj dep. trolley

+ entered Subway

Board + Alney

out of sight.

8⁰⁰/₀ 1827 no 5H

8³⁵/₀ dep. 1827 no 5H

20 dep. under arm

8⁴⁰/₀ an 1929 no 6H

8⁵⁰/₀ Dep

8⁵²/₀ deposited letter

SE corner Buks +

sub.

8⁵⁴/₀ an 1827 no 5H

8⁵⁶/₀ an

2 Packages

9⁰⁰/₀ an 1929 no 6H

9⁰⁵/₀ dep 1929 no 6H

9¹⁰/₀ an 1808

Subj. Cigarettes

9¹⁴/₀ an 1827 no 5H

9³⁵/₀ dep 1827 no 5H

2 boxes.

9⁴⁰/₀ an 1929 no 6H

9⁵⁰/₀ dep 1929 no 6H

9⁵⁴/₀ an 2040 Subj

10⁰⁰/₀ telephone call
from King Street

10²⁰/₀ dep. 2040 Subj

10²⁴/₀ 1929 no 6H

11³⁰/₀ lights out

11⁴⁵/₀ Sun Disc.

J J m

Date Received 6-14-50

1. Yellow Cab Co & Harry Rosen
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By SAs W.B. Welte & R.W. Holmes
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:
see below

File No. 65-4332-157-(2)

- (A) signed statement Harry Rosen dated 6-14-50
- (B) Photo of Thos L. Black with Rosen's signature
- (C) Two photostatic copies of Rosen's utility bill for Cab 657 on 6-19-50

see serial 65-4332-157



Harry Rosen - 6/11/50

65-4332-18-59
~~(S) 65-4332-18-59~~
(712)-1-13-1-2224-59

#1

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 14, 1950.

I, Harry Rosen, 2503 So. Douglas St., Philadelphia, Pa., make the following signed statement to Robert W. Holmes and William B. Welte, Jr. who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am willing to testify to the following facts.

I am employed by the Yellow Cab Co as a driver, payroll number 5859. On June 9, 1950 I was driving Yellow Cab # 657. At approximately 9⁴⁵ A.M. on June 9, 1950 I picked up a fare at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. This fare instructed me to drive to the corner of 5th & Berks St., Phila., Pa. When arriving there he instructed me to park on Berks Street east of 5th.

My fare got out of the cab and walked south on 5th St. ^{H.R.} As we drove up 5th St., ^{H.R.} we passed a place on the east side of 5th St. He said that he was going to see a
Harry Rosen
6/14/50

#2

friend of his who worked there. The name on the place was Charles Berg. I did not see him ~~then~~ enter the place, but after being gone for about two minutes he returned with a man, dressed in shirt sleeves and not hat. I have been shown a photograph and I can identify this photograph ^{as being} the individual who contacted my fare. I have signed this photograph as identification. My fare and this man spoke for about two minutes, after which my fare entered the cab and instructed me to drive to Second and Chew Sts, Phila. Pa.

After reentering my fare appeared to be rather nervous. He did not speak to me as he did before the stop. He bent down below the vision of my rear view mirror for about one minute. After he got out of car I found about half a dozen burnt matches. It is my habit to clean the cab after each fare and know that it did not contain the matches when he got in.

Harry Rosen
6/18/50

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As soon as he first entered the cab
H.R. in front of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, he
said that he had just returned from Italy
that morning. The plane could not land here
in Philadelphia and had to go to La Guardia
Field in New York City. He told me that
he was an engineer and had made
several trips to Italy. He said that
he had worked for the Fiat people in
Italy. I asked him about conditions
there and he told me that towns that
had communist mayors had contented
people.

I left him off at the corner of
Second and Chew St., Phila., Pa. where he
H.R. ~~returned~~ went to the house on the
N.E. corner. I carried his bags to this
porch. He tried the door and then walk
around on the porch. Then I left.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and
two other pages and it is true to the best of my
knowledge and belief

Kenny Rosen

2503 N. Douglas St

Witnesses

Robert W. Holmes Special Agent FBI Phila 6/14/50

William B. Welton Special Agent, F.B.I. Phila 6/14/50

DATE JUN 9 1950

65-4332-1-B-10(c)

CAB NO. 657		SENIORITY NO. 42E31A	IN 5863	PAID MILES 428	UNITS 490	TRIPS 387	EXTRAS 284	TIME IN 4:58 JUN
GARAGE			OUT 4778	4217	4748	3850	2838	OUT 7:47 JUN
LOCUST			TOTAL 85	161	153	21	3	
DRIVER'S NAME (Please Print) HARRY ROSEN			GAS USED 8		RECEIPTS 15.30	5.25	.30	
PATROLL NO. 5859			SHIFT		TOTAL RECEIPTS \$20.85			

Type	No. of Pass.	No. of Pieces	FROM	TIME	TO	TIME	AMOUNT		
							Flat Rate \$	Motor Rate \$	Phone \$
1	2	P	City Center	8:15	Marina 24th St.	8:50		2.35	
2	1	P	City Center	8:55	6th & 1st St.	9:30		1.65	
3	1	P	West 1st St.	9:35	2nd St.	10:15		1.85	
4	2	W	501 6th St.	10:20	4th & 16th St.	10:30		1.95	10
5	2	W	501 6th St.	10:35	20th & 1st St.	11:00		1.95	10
6	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	11:30	Bank & 1st St.	11:35			
7	1	P	Marina & 1st St.	11:35	6th & 1st St.	12:00			
8	1	P	7th & 1st St.	12:05	15th & 1st St.	12:30			
9	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	12:35	Bank & 1st St.	12:45			
10	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	12:45	Bank & 1st St.	12:55			
11	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	12:55	Bank & 1st St.	1:05			
12	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	1:05	P.O. N.Y.	1:30			10
13	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	1:30	Bank & 1st St.	1:35			
14	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	1:35	Bank & 1st St.	1:45			
15	2	P	Bank & 1st St.	1:45	Bank & 1st St.	2:00			
16	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	2:00	Bank & 1st St.	2:10			
17	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	2:10	Bank & 1st St.	2:25			
18	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	2:25	Bank & 1st St.	2:35			
19	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	2:35	Bank & 1st St.	2:50			
20	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	2:50	Bank & 1st St.	3:05			
21	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	3:05	Bank & 1st St.	3:20			
22	1	P	Bank & 1st St.	3:20	Bank & 1st St.	3:30			
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30	Passengers	TOTAL AMOUNT	20.55
ADJUSTMENTS (To be made only by person in charge of garage)			.30
DID YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NET AMOUNT	20.85

DATE JUN 9 1950

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SENIOITY NO. 42E31A		IN 85.3	PAID MILES 42.8	UNITS 490	TRIPS 387	EXTRAS 284	TIME IN 4:58
CARAGE		OUT 47.3	42.7	474	3250	2833	OUT 7:47
LOCUST		TOTAL 8.5	61	153	21	3	
DRIVER'S NAME (Please Print) PHENY ROSEN		GAS USED 8		RECEIPTS 15.30	5.25	.30	
PATRON'S NO. 5859		SHIFT		TOTAL RECEIPTS \$20.8			

No	To	From	TIME	TO	TIME	AMOUNT		
						Flat Rate \$ Cents	Meter Rate \$ Cents	Phone \$ Cents
1	P	Ret. Chatter	5:15	Indian 2nd	8:50		2.35	
2	P	City	7:35	briffy Scher	4:50		1.65	
3	P	Post	7:35	2nd	10:15		1.65	
4	W	32nd	10:40	4th & 1st	10:30		1.65	10
5	W	501 E. Wyoming	10:45	20th & 1st	11:00		1.45	10
6	P	Book +	11:30	Book +	11:35			
7	P	...	11:35	...	12:00			
8	P	...	11:35	...	12:30			
9	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
10	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
11	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			10
12	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
13	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
14	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
15	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
16	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
17	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
18	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
19	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
20	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
21	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
22	P	...	11:35	...	12:45			
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30 - Passengers

ADJUSTMENTS (To be made by meter reader)

TOTAL AMOUNT - 20.5

NET AMOUNT 20.8

Date Received 6-14-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. E. Spivey
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:

Agents Surveillance notes

File No. 65-4332-1-B-1-(3)

see ser 65-4332-154

65-433 ✓ 6/14/54

65-4332-1-B-1(3)

2:1 ✓ - Norman + Blakely
expected to Norman
stayed in front of
South Broad Cleaners
305 S. Broad St.
until

2:3 ✓ - Norman went to
Sandwich Shop
on Spruce Street
+ made telephone
call

2:37 Norman entered his
car + drove to 100
ft. N. Broad.
Due to difficulties
in parking (curb)
and Norman was
not seen entering
any building on Broad St.

However his car
was kept under surveillance
until 4:15 when
SAs Mitchell + the
witness were released
by SAs W. M. Cunnell
+ Alfred F. Kelleberg

6/14/54 per
photo given
back

65-0231 - 2- 6-14-50

2:36 Arrived 4th & Belmont.
and stood at corner.

2:38 Turned west on Belmont
and walked to front steps
of corner and looking
corner of 4th & Belmont.

2:42 Returned to corner 4th
& Belmont and stood facing
south at the curb - 1

2:44 Crossed 4th St to NE
corner then returned to
NW corner - looking
south on 4th then west
on Belmont.

2:46 Advised by SA ⁴⁶ Flanagan
and returned to King Linn.
at 3:05

65-0231 - 1- 6-14-50

6:25 on 9th St. 1929 Buick
7:00 Reported machine

7:16 Reported 1929 Buick

7:32 Reported 1929 Buick

7:47 - Returned to Lake

7:49 - Reported 1929 Buick and present
7:50 - Reported 1929 Buick

7:51 - Reported 1929 Buick

8:01 Reported 1929 Buick

8:12 Reported 1929 Buick

8:30 Reported 1929 Buick

8:44 Reported 1929 Buick

1929 Buick

10:43 Reported 1929 Buick

11:45 Reported 1929 Buick

11:55 Arrived at 1929 Buick
large brown envelope with
white address sticker
centered and addressed to
Tolson

12:16 Reported 1929 Buick

12:20 Reported 1929 Buick

1929 Buick 4300

12:22 Reported 1929 Buick

Pa. license 374129

man who arrived at 12:22

man who arrived at 12:22

Date Received: 6-6-53

From: The Thomas L. Blum

(Name of Contributor)

125 N. 6th St. Phila

(Address of Contributor)

By: SE. F. H. H. G. M.

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned: Yes ()

Description: 1) 2 sets of Let. dated 6-9-46 to "New York"

2) 1 set of Let. dated 6-9-46 to "New York"

File No: 65-132-1B-1(4)

Returned 6/17/50
6/12/50

June 9, 1945
1-10 and 1-11 (9:30)
to home

Dear Yvonne
I've 15 now I hope to get this out to you
somewhere soon. About the
notes we were, it's just that I'm not
them. I'm your first thing, I'd just want
our stuff. Sept 6 Add 100 g lanosin to animal
of 100 ml KOH (87.5%) in 100 ml MeOH. Roll in 12 g. 2.5% MeOH,
Sept. 10. Sep 10. 100 g. lanosin with 12 g. 2.5% MeOH,
Let stand to 100 g. of lanosin
P. Lanolin
M. H. at 8:20

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

16, 17, 18 use serial plates
1 liter Polymer was placed in 250 ml. Erlenmeyer flask
minutes the flask under cover, immediately resealed
Heated, kept over 1 minute in 70°C. water
Raising to 75°C. Raised to 75°C. in 10 min.
had lost 13% weight
became thick, viscous
contained

July 25 - In morning
very E. wind -
gentle, setting
out of audience
at 10:30 AM.
after 15 minutes
the soft
became thick
mainly was
continued
of 200 ml beer
factor of influence

In E.C. 70 (Liloid 200) (X-mobla batch)
5 minutes, became up to 150° then after
3 hrs or so it was heated in oven
to remove all MeOHs heated up to 150° (160°)

LABORATORY

LABORATORY

(9) Confirmed that you were frequently in matter
last at least always used a ratio of 10 parts of MeOH
was 1 part of KOH solution per 100 ml of insoluble
with the 100% solution is made up of 26 parts per
liter of MeOH. The difference came in the fact that
two thousand treated. I might also add that you
had different results. It's following the fact that
too sometimes throwing in its or H₂O, or making
to you no doubt, don't need all of that at once.
I think, I hope. You know your letter.
we was up KOH solution (first time we made it)
forwarded what I've seen, but already given
which is 100% KOH per liter of MeOH gave
and about 100% KOH per liter of MeOH gave
portion is at 100% KOH per liter of MeOH gave
book what I feel are reasons pertaining to that. See
Quater again given in order by page.
Page 7 Sept 7 A2a, presumably "cholesterol", was taken
up in 40 ml acetone - MeOH 2 + 30 vol. 2a per gram,
per 100 weighed 3.2 gms. It did not dissolve
completely when hot. On cooling the precipitation produced
a fine lace network of crystals through the entire
volume. It was felt that about 5 gms. of 78% this
cheeks the case. I am sure that Dr. N. after
work on the 100% KOH solution from the same source
produced paraffin wax but the liquid straight

Page 124, C-31 H. 4b, now 15.5g was dissolved in 150 ml MeOH at 60°C. The solution was concentrated, but it was too dark as Nuclear GFO was a dark color + the material was filtered hot. The residue was a dark, sticky mass for export at 120°C. The residue was a dark, sticky mass of the residue. Most cholesterol remained in the Nuclei. It was extracted with the hot filtrate from the first of crystals. Cooling this wash yielded crystals that at 134°C. before MeOH failed to purify cholesterol.

Page 127, C-37 105g of A2 were heated with 700 ml MeOH + filtered through a jacketed Buchner funnel. The filtrate was a fine precipitate. The precipitate was digested with more hot MeOH + again filtered. This gave a precipitate light in color, which was filtered above 150°C. The residue was a dark, sticky mass, + stored with crude isocholesterol.

Page 131, C-38 20g of 37D were heated to boiling with 200 ml MeOH. A small amount of isocholesterol was insoluble - it formed an oil at the bottom. The main solution was removed off. The insoluble oil fraction was dried out 0.8g. The main solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and then the crystals of soap were filtered off + dried.

Page 136, C-37G About 115 g of A2 was a dark, sticky mass. It was heated with 200 ml MeOH + filtered through a jacketed Buchner funnel. The filtrate was a fine precipitate. The precipitate was digested with more hot MeOH + again filtered. This gave a precipitate light in color, which was filtered above 150°C. The residue was a dark, sticky mass, + stored with crude isocholesterol.

He inquires about consul (they all speak English) has
room in support of U.S. & saw apparently in old
Pole "10" etc. He has any official travel
A. No. He has local authority.

Q. Is it possible to travel from Warsaw to Moscow by train? A. Officially I can give no answer. Personally I wouldn't do it. Q. When do you travel from Moscow to Warsaw? A. (cough) Well from Bz. along a new route, but transportation is mixed, due to people are being sent to travel. Also from it was from Warsaw about half across Poland.

Nov-al-ber-tus - TWA, American, KLM
American Airlines - NY 569.25, including
Stockholm - N.Y. (573) I think they charge but over quicker



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(Question by Mr. WELTE: You don't know whether FLEURSDORF furnished anything or not?) I know that he did but I think, as a matter of fact I'm positive, that it was on a strictly legitimate basis. (Question by Mr. WELTE: Did he give it to you?) No. This fellow SCHWARTZ, Dr. SCHWARTZ, that was the name that we both knew the fellow by. My impression was that he sold his original freeze drying apparatus, the one that he developed and the process for freeze drying. He's quite an authority in that field. He just published a book last year on freeze drying. He is now with Stokes Manufacturing Company. He was with the University of Pennsylvania when I went to see him. I believe he was Professor of Bacteriology. As far as I can recall that was in 1940 or thereabouts, because it was after I had the accident and it was after I had recuperated. My impression is it was before the war.

(Question by Mr. WELTE: What did HILL want you to do during 1941?) During 1941 or thereabouts he wanted me to go to work for Kellogg and he wanted me to contact people which I did not do. I didn't even hear the name Manhattan Project until much, much later. The first time I ever heard it was when the Truman Committee wanted to know where all the money was going and Roosevelt told them not to ask those questions, something to that effect.

I'm telling you the honest truth; those two people are the only people that I contacted. (Question by Mr. WELTE: Did they request you to develop contacts at different places?) Yes, I was supposed to. Of course, I never did it. I would evade the issue in every way possible. They never gave me any contacts. I was supposed to get contacts if it were possible. They wanted me to get acquainted with the Trotskyites during that period and spy on them and during the later period everything was more or less indefinite. They always implied that they wanted me to meet people, etc. The only two people I ever did meet was this fellow from Wilmington and FLEURSDORF.

(Question: That was in 1940?) Around there sometime. This fellow SCHWARTZ was in contact with me after I had the accident. He is the one that wanted me to contact FLEURSDORF. I can't tell you exact dates. It was around there sometime. (1939) The accident was in 1938, March 10, 1938 and I was in the hospital until July and I was not out of bandages until late in the Fall or early Winter of 1938. I'm not holding out. I'm sorry I don't remember exact dates but I do remember people and these two are absolutely the only ones that I ever contacted for the Soviet Union. From what I read in the newspapers, HILL was a willing worker. I was not a willing worker. I was trying to avoid the whole thing, evade it and get out of it, but they wouldn't let me.

Witness
Robert W. Holmes spec Capt FBI
William B. White spec Capt FBI

Thomas A. Black

(Question by Mr. WELTE: Do you remember going to a hotel up in New York around 23rd and 7th Avenue with HARRY?) Yes, I certainly do. It was a very innocent thing. This is real cloak and dagger stuff. They wanted me to do something of a technical nature for the Soviet Union. Well, to keep them quiet and not to get involved in anything I told them that Westinghouse had brought out a new ultra violet lamp which might be of interest to them. I asked him if it was of interest and he said yes. He said he wanted one so I bought him one. So he said to put it in the suitcase and fix it up. So that we did, HARRY and I. It so happened that HARRY came up to see me that weekend on a social visit. So I told him I promised to put the ultra violet light in the suitcase and fix it up so it would work. I told HARRY I promised to have this thing done by Monday night. BENES, the fellow I shared the apartment with, would naturally be curious as to why we were putting a lamp in the suitcase and so I told him (HARRY) we'll go to a hotel room. I had a few simple little holes to drill and wiring to do and so on. We did that in the hotel room in New York, in the Chelsea, 23rd Street and 7th Avenue.

(Question) PAUL PETERSON asked me to do it. He wanted me to do something. I suggested that as a harmless form of activity. That's the sort of game I've been playing with these fellows for years, engaging in perfectly harmless activity to keep them quiet and to keep them away. I knew PETERSON was an espionage agent. This was something he could purchase himself. I had gotten one for the Laboratory where I worked.

(Question by Mr. WELTE: Did you submit written reports to PETERSON?) Yes, generally. (Question: Would you use some secret writing of some kind?) No. PETERSON was putting the pressure on me to do something of value for the Soviet Union. This light came out. It was advertised by Westinghouse. I told him he might be interested in it. He said yes, get me one. Anything I ever gave PETERSON in writing was in plain, ordinary English. (Question: Where did you get the idea it could be used for secret writing?) I guess everybody knows it. Every chemist knows it. I never used secret writing. He paid me the cost of the thing which was about \$25.00. It had a transformer, bulb and reflector and I bought a suitcase for him. That's all. That seems very mysterious. It's actually quite innocent.

(Question: Three weeks ago or the Monday before HARRY was arrested you had a mysterious telephone call from Mr. WATKINS at the Burke Laboratories, whom you believe to be ~~back~~ That's right. (You were not there and therefore you did not get the message. In 1948 you received the other call from

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WATKINS instructing you to meet him in New York City in front of Macy's Department Store. When you went there it turned out to be ~~Bill~~ ^{Jack}. I knew it was ~~Bill~~ ^{Jack} before I went. I recognized his accent. (Question: Just what was it ~~Bill~~ ^{Jack} wanted?) He wanted to re-establish his contact with me and wanted me to work with him on a consulting basis. On a legitimate basis, I would work, I told him; not as an espionage agent. (Question: What was the exact thing he wanted you to do?) He didn't say. He said he would be in touch with me later. He never got in touch with me later. (Question: How did he know where you were working at that time?) I haven't any idea. (Question: How long had it been at that time since he had previously been in contact with you?) I don't know the exact date, but it was a matter of several years. It was probably 1945 or thereabouts. I believe I was working at CHARLIE BURG's then. He ~~(Bill)~~ ^(Jack) always wanted me to establish contacts and work with him and so on, the same sort of thing.

(Question: Did they give you instructions?) All verbal. They frowned on making notes. I frowned on it too because I could always say that I'd forgotten and I was trying to evade the whole thing.

(Question: What do you have up in your apartment?) Books, papers, junk. (Question: Would you be willing for a couple of our men to take a look there?) Yes.

(Question: What was FRED HELLER's reaction when you two went to Antorg in 1933 or 1934?) He was the one who made the original contact with OVAKIMIAN. (Question: Was he a Socialist?) No, he was a Communist sympathizer. (Question: Was he ever a member of the Communist Party?) To the best of my knowledge he was not. (Question: You went to school with him?) Yes, at Penn State. I left. I did not get my degree because I was sick during that time and then I never had a chance to go back. We were good friends at Penn State. When he (HELLER) got out of Penn State he went to the University of Virginia for a year and then he got a job with Penn Sugar. He was fired from Penn Sugar in a very unethical way. The story behind that was there was a strike and he refused to cross a picket line so they transferred him to what was in those days the Franco-American Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Penn Sugar which later became the Pennsylvania Alcohol and Chemical Company and more recently Commercial Solvent purchased it. He was transferred up there and then fired about a week later. That was to get him away from these friends in the plant, the workers whose picket lines he refused to cross.

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He was out of work for a while. He had a few small jobs, one for Celluloid which did not last long; another one for some envelope company. Generally he was unemployed for a period of a few years thereafter. I can't really give you his biography. If you ask specific questions I'll try to give you specific answers.

(Question: "hen he first became unemployed, he came up to New York to you?) Well, he had a room in Carlstadt, N.J., where the plant was, and then later he was in New York. (Question: You and HELLER saw each other frequently?) Yes, very frequently. (Question: You say he was a Communist sympathizer, not a Party member?) That's right. (Question: He established first contact with OVAKIMIAN?) Yes. (Question: What was his purpose in establishing contact?) We both wanted to go to Soviet Union to work. We discussed this among ourselves for a long time. Finally, we went to Amtorg and this was the fellow that he saw. (Question: Did you see anyone else up there?) No, just OVAKIMIAN. (Question: How long did HELLER engage in this work at Amtorg whereby OVAKIMIAN would give you and HELLER a problem you would handle?) It could not have been more than three or four months at the most. I doubt if it was longer than that. (Question: How many problems do you feel that he was given?) Well, I don't think that he was given any that I did not know about on his own. (Question: How many did you know that he was given?) Perhaps a dozen, through OVAKIMIAN.

(Question: Did he know PAUL PETERSON?) I don't believe so. I doubt it. As a matter of fact I'm almost certain that he didn't because I met PETERSON afterward - after he lost interest in going to the Soviet Union. HELLER is unstable emotionally and he fell in love with a girl or a couple of them at various times and that was the story there. (Question: Did you see him frequently?) Yes, quite frequently; perhaps at least once a week. (Question: You mean from 1934 to 1937?) Yes. (Question: Did he know you were a Party member?) Yes. (Question: You were a Party member all during that period?) No, I was a Party member from about 1932 or thereabouts up until late 1933, but I remained a sympathizer considerably longer.

(Question: It was about 1937 that you and HELLER obtained the ^{Pickering} patent?) Yes. (Question: Why did HELLER just pick the one?) It had come to his attention through correspondence between American Chemical & Paint Company and Amtorg that they were interested in this process. At that period I was trying to keep away from Soviet espionage in every way I possibly could to avoid contacts and to avoid involvement, and to avoid seeing these agents. We went after them for jobs. Neither one of us wanted to become espionage agents. We wanted to go into the Soviet Union

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to work. (Question: Why did you want to go over there?) To solve our economic problems. We both felt the same way. I had never felt too secure in any job I had. Jobs fold up and what not and thought perhaps that was the way out at the time. In that period I was 100% Communist. I was not one of these wishy-washy Communists who can take their political beliefs or leave them. There comes a point where you draw the line. I am considered by people who know me and I consider myself as a very ethical person and generally I'm on the side of the underdog. Maybe that's why I was a Communist in the first place. There are certain things that I will not do and that was one of them, although I found myself involved in it and was trying to get out of it, but still I just won't spy for anybody.

(Question: You were furnishing information regarding the Trotskyites?) I was not furnishing true information that was of any value. I was trying to pacify them so that they would let me alone. I went in because I hated what the Soviet Union stood for and I had no way of fighting it. When I was in, then they wanted to use me but I consider myself, today even - although I disagree with the Trotskyite movement, more of a Trotskyite than a Stalinist. At the present time MILLER stands precisely where I stand. I believe that this is by far the best country in the world for anybody to live in. In other words, I'm a liberal, you might say, with Leftist tendencies, but they're not subversive tendencies. I want to make that point clear.

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Thomas L. Black

Interview with THOMAS L. BLACK on June 15, 1950
by SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES

Q. What was your relationship with WHITAKER CHAMBERS?

There was no relationship to WHITAKER CHAMBERS but I knew of him. When I went to work for National Oil Products Company in 1933 I became friendly with ROLAND KAPP who shared a laboratory bench with me in the research lab. KAPP knew that BLACK was a Communist at the time. KAPP mentioned to BLACK in confidence that he had once been a member of the Workers Party in 1927 or 1928, and he still had contact with a friend who was a member of the Workers Party with him at that time and who was doing some secret work for the Soviet Union. He said this fellow was living in Washington and he would drop in to see KAPP occasionally in his apartment in Newark. KAPP didn't say the name of this fellow but BLACK guessed it must be someone engaged in espionage work. He said the fellow visited him every six months or so.

BLACK, on being told by KAPP that this fellow was engaged in some work connected with the Soviet Union, told KAPP he wanted to go to the Soviet Union and maybe this fellow could arrange it. BLACK told KAPP he could check his references with the CP. He had used the name JACKSON or JONES in the Party. This was back in 1933.

BLACK doesn't know whether KAPP ever mentioned this to WHITAKER CHAMBERS or to this unidentified individual. He didn't know this person was CHAMBERS but found it out later.

BLACK attended a Trotskyite convention in Chicago and he and KAPP discussed the above matter further. He had heard a group of the Trotskyites discussing WHITAKER CHAMBERS who had formerly been an espionage agent and who had made a break with them. It was mentioned in this discussion that he was a writer, that he once had written articles for the New Masses or that he was an editor; that he had graduated from Columbia University which was the same university KAPP attended and BLACK put two and two together and thought this must be the same person KAPP had reference to. He asked KAPP if the person he had told BLACK about was WHITAKER CHAMBERS and KAPP said yes. BLACK found out from the Trotskyites that CHAMBERS was on the editorial staff of Time Magazine. BLACK never saw WHITAKER CHAMBERS until he saw his picture recently. BLACK was a little concerned at the time because he had told KAPP to tell him about BLACK when he was sympathetic to the Soviet Union which was probably in 1933 or 1934 since CHAMBERS was in those days cooperating, BLACK believes and BLACK thought he might carry his cooperation to the extent that CHAMBERS would remember him.

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BLACK said the fellow who told him about CHAMBERS was FELIX MORROW, editorial staff of the Trotskyite paper. MORROW told BLACK that CHAMBERS had gone to the FBI and had gone first to the Military Intelligence. BLACK got this story from MORROW who got it direct from CHAMBERS.

SA HOLMES said something about FELIX MORROW being on staff of the Militant and BLACK agreed.

Q. Did you ever come in contact directly or indirectly with ELIZABETH BENTLEY?

Exington
Not directly. Some Soviet Agents asked BLACK to meet a woman one time at the corner of Washington Avenue and some place or another and contact her. They said she would be in a little store and she would recognize BLACK since he was to carry a magazine or something. BLACK said he didn't show up for appointment. BLACK doesn't know if it was ELIZABETH BENTLEY. BLACK said he was only assuming it was. Her name was to be given to BLACK at a later date but he didn't show up for either appointment.

The fellow who was contacting BLACK probably in 1939 made the appointment.

The purpose of the contact was for BLACK to turn over (this word not understood) to her.

BLACK reiterated he didn't know whether this was ELIZABETH BENTLEY or not but believes in view of what has happened since then that probably the woman was BENTLEY. BLACK said he is only guessing.

Q. Did you ever have any contact with a woman named HELEN?

No.

Q. Do the Soviets ordinarily use women to make contacts?

No. not in my case. I suppose they would use anybody who was willing

Q. Do the Soviets have women in the same category as (here names were mentioned by SA Holmes)

Presumably they do because this woman I was to contact was in that category.

Q. Like the next circle inside from you.

Black said yes to this statement.

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William B. Walter, Jr. Capt. J. B. 1st Regt
Chert A. Holmes 4/10/47 2nd Regt

Thomas L. Black

*Black should
be Jack*

The following is a transcript of odd comments made by THOMAS L. BLACK during the course of his interview by SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES at the Philadelphia Office, June 15, 1950.

If WATKINS ever contacts me again, I'll get you WATKINS. I'll inform you and I'll make an appointment with him, if he ever contacts me again. I tell you, why, I want to get the hell out of this thing once and for all. I have never done anything that I'm aware of at least, in the matter of espionage. I'm not guilty but I'm involved and I'm scared to death of these people because they're completely ruthless. There again, I probably should have come to you years ago

I did take a trip to Chicago but not for them. I took a trip to Chicago at the Trotskyist Convention. It was, I think, 1939. I haven't been active in the Trotskyist Movement since before we were in the war. I don't know a single Trotskyite in the City, not one.

There were people that I was supposed to contact but always I couldn't make it. There was a fellow that they wanted me to contact that worked in Wilmington, Delaware. I believe he may have been a DuPont employee or some chemical employee. This was still this fellow ~~and~~, but before he lost contact with me about 1939. He wanted me to contact this fellow and something turned up I couldn't make it or something or other. That would have been arranged - as to how I would have identified him and how he would have identified me. That would have been taken care of had I made the trip.

(Question by Mr. WELTE re GOLD's espionage. Answer: He never did and I never asked him, because if he were, I didn't want to know about it. You understand my feelings in that matter. I may have suspected it. Maybe I didn't. I know that I had made the initial contact if he were, but I didn't want to know anything that he was doing in that connection. I think it was mutual and we never discussed it. I believe I told HARRY on one or two occasions that I was a Trotskyite.

mark
My personal opinion of BELL is, and this is only a guess, he was a naturalized Czechoslovakian. He had a very faint ~~accent~~ - I know he was born in Czechoslovakia as he told me so. He had a very faint accent although it had been distinctive. He must have, to lose his accent. Never mentioned a word about a family. My impression was that he was not a chemist, because of the way he ~~placed~~ certain things. As a matter of fact, I'm almost certain that he was not. He was the only contact they had with me and they were trying to get me, of course, to work for them.

been in America a long time

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Robert W. Holmes, SAs, FBI.

Thomas L. Black

I have taken trips but strictly business trips.

Philadelphia
~~Came to~~ ~~Philadelphia~~ ~~City~~. I believe that was all. These things were discussed in a general sort of a way but no specific trips and I'll tell you something else, if it will clear the matter up any. During all this period, it would have been physically impossible for me to take any trips of any magnitude had I wanted to. The reason it would have been physically impossible, I had this pet crow in the apartment house screaming and that animal had to be taken care of and pacified because I would have been thrown out of the apartment. I had a number of pet rats that a lot of people thought were queer. In other words, I had responsibilities.

They had a few defense contracts I believe (National Oil Products). I didn't know a thing about it one way or another. The reason I didn't, I was working as a bacteriologist there, to keep their products from decomposing. That sort of thing didn't enter into my category. Mildew Proofing, yes, not flame-proofing. It had nothing to do with me. I don't know anything about that because I wasn't particularly interested in what the other departments were doing. The mildew proofing I know about because I had run some tests. That was in my line of activity. I had heard something about flame proofing and so on, but it didn't concern me.

FERNAND PHILIP HELLER is a salesman for American Chemical Products Company. I did receive some information as to what he was doing in general at American Chemical Paint, but that was not for the Soviet Union, that was for business we expected to establish ourselves.

After the first few months HELLER dropped out. It must have been 1934. We went right to Amtorg office. He remained a Communist sympathizer long after I was. In other words, he didn't lose his sympathy for the Soviet Union until the war started. He knew that I was a Trotskyite and I had no further sympathy for the Soviet Union and we used to have some discussions about it - some arguments.

As closely as I can remember, I think I know what you are referring to and I'll try to answer the question specifically:

Parkerizing
Amtorg wrote a letter to American Chemical Paint wanting to buy a process and it was the old Parkerizing Process on which the patents have expired. It is nothing secret. This letter came to HELLER's attention - of course the company didn't answer it. This thing came to HELLER's attention and he asked if I would get the information to Amtorg that they wanted. I told him I guess it

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could be arranged. So what I believe happened, was ^{Parker} I'm not absolutely certain of this, but I could probably find out. I believe that I ordered from the Patent Office, a copy of the expired Paco Patent on rustproofing and gave it to him, saying that he could have gotten it for ten cents himself at the time, and gave it to this fellow who was annoying me. At that time it was GEORGE. That was around 1937 or 1938, after I was injured. I believe that I gave him a copy of the patent and told him that this was what Amtorg had requested. This covered the process that Amtorg wanted to get from American Chemical Paint.

When the pressure would become great, it was very simple. I would go to the library, look up some chemical references on something that they might be interested in and write them up. One time they were interested in disinfectants and I had looked up something on the manufacture. That is again, in the nature of consulting work.

We are going to get somebody involved here whom I'm sure is innocent. I hate to tell you this for this reason. I know that at least I'm reasonably sure that I contacted two people actually and I'm reasonably sure that the one I'm going to tell you about now, is innocent of any wrongdoing but I guess he's got to stand on his own. A fellow by the name of Dr. EARL WILLIAM FLOSDORFF, Head of the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania. ^{Medical School} That was during the time that I saw Dr. SWARTZ. He told me that he wanted me to go to Philadelphia and talk to this Dr. FLOSDORFF, that he had developed a process for freeze drying and he had sold, I believe, some of his equipment to Amtorg and they wanted to know if he would be willing to work with them again. I came to Philadelphia and called Dr. FLOSDORFF at the University - told him I'd like to see him. I told him that I understood that he had sold some equipment to the Soviet Union at one time, some of his experimental equipment, and I wanted to ask him if he would be willing to work with Amtorg again on a consulting basis. My personal opinion is that he was really a consultant and doing a legitimate operation with them. In other words, the reason I hesitated to mention his name before, was that he's not a Soviet spy. I know that. In my own mind I know it and I hate to get people involved but as I say, he'll have to stand on his own. I took the information back that he would, and heard no more about it. I don't know whether he ever did or not, and as far as I was concerned, it was a closed incident. He is at present employed with the Stokes Manufacturing Company, I believe. He wrote a book recently on freeze drying.

Thomas L. Black

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William B. Welty, Jr. Capt. P.R.I.
Robert W. Holmes, Capt. P.R.I.

... contact ...
There is one other, and only one contact that I ever made ~~with~~ ^{for} the Soviet Union. This fellow that worked in Wilmington. I don't know his name. I'm not sure whether he worked for Hercules or for DuPont, or where. He worked in Wilmington and they asked me to go to Wilmington to contact him which I refused to do. He asked me if I would go to Wilmington and contact this fellow but I told him no, I couldn't do it. They wanted to get in contact with him again. They had purchased some technical information from him in the past. They wanted me to contact him and said that he was a very nice fellow and probably would have a lot in common. I refused to go to Wilmington so they said well they'd arrange it for him to meet me in Newark, so I met him once in the Newark station of the Pennsylvania Railroad and he, of course, assumed that I was a Soviet Agent. He told me that at the time, Amtorg owed him some money and he wanted it before he would give any more information. So I took the message back to ~~BRI~~ that he wanted his money. So he took some money out of his pocket and put it in an envelope and said this is all he deserves. I took the money back to him in Newark. I met him again in the Newark station. I told him they said this is all you deserve and this is all you're going to get. He was very much disgusted with this arrangement and I was disgusted myself. Whether it was legitimate or not I don't know. ~~That was before we were in the war, I think, or it might have been during the war.~~ I gave him his money and that was the last I ever saw of him. I don't know how much was there; it was in an envelope. He told me that he would be carrying a copy of a certain magazine, just which one I don't recall, and that he would be wearing a certain color tie and described him in general, that he would be standing in a certain place when you come out from the train. I was to tell him - identify himself by telling him that I was a friend of ~~BRI~~'s I believe.

thin
He was tall, *thin*, hair turning gray, wore glasses. He was about somewhere between 45 and 50, Anglo-Saxon type. I'm pretty sure he was a Chemist. He worked for either Hercules or DuPont. It may have been both. I think he said he worked for one at one time and later he worked for the other. He lived with his sister in Wilmington I believe during the week, and came up here to New Jersey - his wife and family were up here. He had a home here. He made the trip anyway, you see. Not too far from Newark, it might have been Verona, or Mt. Clair.

I was trying to avoid this thing and keep away from it and these people were insisting and putting the pressure on me and I was very much scared of the whole situation from two standpoints. One was that I didn't want to get involved with them and the other was that I didn't want to get involved with you people (FBI), and third angle, was that I had no more sympathy for the Soviet Union.

Thomas L. Black

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William B. Welton, Spe. Agt. 2.B.1.

Robert W. Holmes, Spe. Agt. 2.B.1.

DOUGHERTY has been a very, very good friend of HARRY GOLD for very many years. They worked at Penn Sugar together. They were considering going into a Consultant business together when they got out of Penn Sugar, but DOUGHERTY is in no way involved in this thing, I'm sure, and the reason I'm sure is that he is very anti-Soviet and he's as good a Catholic as comes. In other words, he's a real believer; he's not one of these people that just believe on the surface; he's religious in nature. I don't believe that he has any connection. I'm absolutely certain of it.

I met DOUGHERTY through HARRY and HARRY never said anything about him except that he was very religious and anti-Soviet and of course, I knew that after talking with him for five minutes.

Ernest Geesman
I've known both of the stockholders in that business for many years. One ERNEST GEESMAN, I had an apartment with him for a long time in Newark. As a matter of fact, he's the fellow that got me the job with National Oil. When he left Nopco, I was planning on leaving before too long myself. He asked me if I wanted to do consulting work for him on a technical nature and I told him absolutely. I worked as a consultant for a period of a few years. During the depression he was a mild sympathizer of the Communist Party but never joined. He never was involved, to the best of my knowledge, with Russia or anything else.

NICHOLAS M. ^{MOLNER}OLDNER, he has a consulting business under that name on East 19th Street and they also have a New York office in Fine Organics there. He may have been a mild sympathizer in Hungary before he came to this country. I don't know about that. I have an idea that he was, from little things that were said at various times. He seemed to know what the Communist Movement was all about over there but certainly not in this country. He never took any active part and he's been strictly a chemist and a business man and I don't think he's even mildly sympathetic. I know he isn't.

(Question re FASS) He's about as anti-Communist as they come too.

Thomas L. Black

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William B. Welty, Spec. Agt., D.B.I.
Robert W. Holmes, Spec. Agt., FBI

The following is a transcript of information given by THOMAS L. BLACK in his interview by Special Agents WILLIAM B. WELTE and ROBERT W. HOLMES at the Philadelphia Office on June 15, 1950:

In about the latter part of 1933 or early 1934, a friend of mine, FERDINAND P. HELLER, and myself, decided that we wanted to go to the Soviet Union to work as Chemists. We went to the Office of the Amtorg Trading Company on Fifth Avenue, where we contacted Mr. G. OVAKIMIAN. I believe he was the head of the Petroleum Division. He said that he thought it could be arranged but that first, he wanted to see samples of the kind of work we could do. He gave us several specific questions that he wanted the answers to. They were concerned primarily with the type of work we were doing at the time, that is, preparation of emulsifiers for mineral oil, etc. The answers to these problems were given to him in subsequent meetings, first at the offices of Amtorg, and later in restaurants where we met him by pre-arranged telephone appointment. (HELLER and I). Later HELLER became disinterested in going to the Soviet Union and dropped entirely out of the picture.

OVAKIMIAN suggested that until it could be arranged for me to go to the Soviet Union, that I work for Amtorg on Consulting basis. I told him that this would be satisfactory and he suggested a matter of payment for my work. Also, at that time, I was a member of the Communist Party and he pointed out to me that as a Communist, it was not my business to go to the Soviet Union but to further the cause of Communism here in this country.

He had given me specific assignments and he offered payment, which I refused because my object was not to work as a Consultant here, but rather, to go to the Soviet Union to live. Later he suggested that I should meet a friend of his instead of he, himself, because he was too busy with his regular work. This fellow's name, the name that was given to me, was PAUL PETERSON.

(Question by Mr. WELTE. Answer: I told HARRY GOLD that HELLER and I planned to go to the Soviet Union and since jobs were very scarce, he thought he might like to go too. I introduced him, GOLD, to either OVAKIMIAN or PETERSON, I don't remember which. PAUL PETERSON - I would remember that name forever. I'll tell you why I would remember him - that was the only fellow, other than OVAKIMIAN, that had a last name that I had any dealings with. The rest were BILL, TOM, GEORGE, etc. Never met PAUL SMITH. That was the only time that I ever met a representative of the Soviet Union in the presence of HARRY GOLD. It is my opinion that he may have made his original contact with the Soviet Espionage system at that time because it later occurred to me that PETERSON was not a bona fide employee of the Soviet Union but rather a Soviet Espionage agent. When I introduced him to PETERSON, I believe that they made an appointment later.)

Thomas L. Black

*Other exception - Dr Robert Schwartz
Witnesses W. B. Welte, Jr. & R. W. Holmes
Robert W. Holmes June 15, 1950*

PETERSON met me several times in New York City and we had dinner together (1934 and 1935) - each time a different place but always a big restaurant, an expensive place. He would call me and tell me where. At these meetings I gave him technical information to specific problems which he had requested the answers to on our previous engagement, and I was under the impression that in the beginning, that this was purely on a consulting basis and that I refused payment because my principal objective was to demonstrate my value to the Soviet Union as a technical man.

At one of these meetings I asked PETERSON why arrangements were not being made for me to go to the Soviet Union. He told me that I could be of far more use to the Soviet Union in this country and that I would probably not be sent. That was, I believe that it was in late 1934 or early 1935. Now I'm not absolutely positive of the date. This was the first indication that I had that I was dealing not with a legitimate but rather dealing with an Espionage Agent. I told him that I was considerably disappointed with this arrangement and he said that I would be well paid for the job. I told him that I had a salary which was adequate to my needs and that I did not need money - did not want money. Thereafter, he suggested that payment could be made in another way, through gifts of laboratory equipment, instruments, technical books, etc. I accepted a few technical books from him as gifts but I still insisted that I did not want to become involved with espionage. He told me this was not espionage but consulting work and he continued to make appointments with me at about one month intervals, for a period of another year or so.

He asked me if I would be willing to contact certain people for him and receive from them, packages which I would transmit to him. This I refused to do at one of our meetings, it possibly was 1935. This I refused to do, at which point he made a veiled threat. I don't know just how I can reword it after all this time, but he said that in the Soviet Union they had a way of dealing with traitors. At that point I knew quite definitely that this was what I had suspected previously, was true, namely, that I was dealing with an espionage agent. At each of our subsequent meetings, the pressure was put on me - the threats were repeated - always by PETERSON. I was naturally quite worried that I had become involved in a thing of this kind, so I thought that the best procedure to follow was to not show him and not to give him the answers to his questions and so on.

First, it was working out specific problems - later he wanted to make me a courier. That was the idea because these problems were phonies, as I look back - it was something that anybody could have told him. This was bait. No question in my mind about that now. They were really quite trivial problems.

Witnesses

William P. Welton, Jr., S. 1.

Robert W. Welton, Jr., S. 1.

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I failed to keep several appointments with him and after this period I didn't work on any of his problems but I told him that they are problems that I couldn't solve. He became very angry at my attitude and the threats became very open. By this time I had dropped out of membership in the Communist Party and the chief object in my personal life was to avoid all contacts with Communists, Soviet Agents, etc., although I still retained an emotional attachment to Communist ideals. This attachment was definitely broken once and for all at the time of the first Moscow Trials. After the second Moscow Trials were over, I decided to join which I believed the only group in the country which were maintaining interest in socialism and yet fighting the Soviet system, the Trotskyites. That was about late 1936 or 1937. You can place that almost exactly at the time of the second Moscow Trials.

I joined the Socialist Party, of which the Trotskyites were then a part, in Newark, New Jersey. It was about 1937 I guess - the dates are confused. I told PETERSON that I had joined the Trotskyites and he was extremely angry on receiving this information. However, in a few weeks he called me on the phone and told me that he wanted to see me and that I'd better be there - another veiled threat, I don't recall exactly how he said it. He told me at this meeting that I could be of more value to the Soviet Union inside the Trotskyist Movement than in the technical work which he had previously had me engaged in. He tried to get information concerning names, addresses, etc. of the members of the Trotskyist Movement, which later became the Socialist Workers Party. In order to pacify him, I gave him a list of names, addresses, etc. of people - everyone of them was incorrect. The reason I followed this procedure was that I wanted to discourage him without arousing his antagonism, because I actually was afraid of what he would do to me physically.

At one of these meetings, he told me that he was going to leave the country and that he would arrange me to meet one of his men. I believe the name was GEORGE, no last name given. This was, I believe, early in 1938 although I can't be sure. He introduced me to GEORGE in a restaurant in New York City. I can't give you a very accurate description but I'll try.

PAUL PETERSON was a short man, swarthy complexion, hair starting to gray slightly. I can't be sure whether he had a bald spot or not. Slavic in appearance. I would say that he was shorter than I, around 5'5" and I would say that he probably weighed 180 or 190, sloppy peasant type, broad face. I might mention parenthetically, I believe that he was here under a Swedish passport. The reason I think so is that he mentioned one time that he was a Swede and I know damn well he wasn't. I would judge PETERSON to be about 45 at the time.

no glasses or mustache

may have had thick eyebrows

but questions rather naive

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Phyllis W. Holt - Speyer, N.Y.

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these were made checked
called Peterson, & believe found in some way

not a friend of Trotsky
very active

GEORGE was a younger fellow, probably 35. He was about almost 6', thin, very slight build, couldn't have weighed much more than 150 or 160, blond hair, yellowish blond, light blue eyes, probably German. That's what I would guess - a Nordic type definitely. He spoke with quite an accent. I would judge it to be a German, although I'm not a good judge of those things.

GEORGE's only interest was to obtain information concerning Trotskyist activities. This information I always side-stepped.

On March 10, 1938 I had a bad accident at work - ether explosion - and I was in a hospital for about five months. HARRY GOLD came to see me in the hospital. I thought that he might be in contact with somebody as they apparently made the same arrangement with him on a consulting basis and I believe he mentioned that GEORGE or somebody, wanted to know where I was as he wanted to see me. When I was released from the hospital - oh, I might mention at this point that somebody came to see me at the hospital - a fellow who gave his name as Dr. SWARTZ and he probably was an M.D., at least he got through the hospital authorities anyway. The fellow that I had never seen before, and he told me that he was a friend of GEORGE's and that he wanted to see how I was and I told him I was all right and he asked if I needed any money and I told him no. This same fellow contacted me when I was released from the hospital.

I had a phone call from GEORGE but I didn't see GEORGE anymore. He made an appointment and Dr. SWARTZ kept it. Dr. SWARTZ was a heavy, middle aged man, very good natured, probably he was an M.D. One time when he was paying a restaurant check I saw in his wallet a receipt which said Soviet employee something or other. He probably was an Amtorg employee, and I have reason to believe that he was in some way connected with the Soviet Red Cross or something, because he asked me some specific problems about medicinal products and so on. Dr. SWARTZ was interested in seeing that I recovered in the speediest possible time so under his influence I consulted a Dermatologist, one that I picked myself, to see if they couldn't speed up the process of healing. It turned out later that the reason he wanted to speed up the healing of my injury, was that he wanted me to go to Mexico City, where LEON TROTSKY was then residing. He told me of these plans at the next meeting, that I was to go to Mexico City and ingratiate myself with the TROTSKY family and sympathizers that were there and be his agent there. This I also refused to do. I told him that it was not possible or practical because I still needed considerable physiotherapy before I would regain the use of my left arm. He offered me any amount of money that I might think necessary for my personal needs plus all

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expenses. He said that the most important thing that the employees of the Soviet Union had to do at that time, was to get information on what was going on inside the TROTSKY household and that he felt that I was the type who would best get that information for him.

(Q. by Mr. Welte. Answer: I was a member of the Socialist Workers Party at this time. I believe JONES (Party name). Everybody I knew, knew me as TOM. As a matter of fact most of the Party members knew my right name.)

Finally I recovered and went back to work at my old job in January. I think it was 1939, and I saw very little of SWARTZ from then on.

When I was laid up at home he used to come around to my house. There wasn't much I could do about that.

The next important thing was that LEON TROTSKY was assassinated and I saw SWARTZ once after that, so I asked him what the hell was the idea, and he said he didn't know anything about it and I told him that I doubted very much, so he said, well, these things are necessary politically, you understand. I told him no, I didn't think it was necessary politically. He said, "hat are you worried about it?" Very cold-blooded about the whole thing. He said, "We're not dependent on any one man. We don't need you," and so on. Of course after this, I was more scared of these people than ever because I had any number of these veiled threats and some quite direct threats from them.

I didn't see anything of SWARTZ after that but someone called me on the phone after that and made an appointment to see me and said that he was a friend of Dr. SWARTZ, so I knew immediately that it was all about. That was after the murder of TROTSKY. This fellow called himself JOHN. He was a thin fellow and about 5'7", slightly shorter than I am, probably was in his early thirties, I would say under 35. I can't identify nationalities very well, but I would say that he was somewhat of a Slavic type, although not completely either. He was rather thin and most Slavs you know, are broad faced. He had black hair, deep brown eyes, very dark complexion. He saw me a few times and wanted me to work for him. That was definitely after the death of TROTSKY and I was back at work. JOHN wanted more information about what was going on inside the Trotskyist Movement and by that time, I decided that I was going to drop out of the Trotskyist Party and try to keep from getting involved any further with these fellows.

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Witnesses

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*Bill is incorrect
name is JACK*

So I met JOHN two times I believe, two or three at the most, and then he said he was going to arrange for me to meet a friend of his. This friend used the name of, I don't remember. It was BILL, I believe. This fellow, BILL, was a Czechoslovakian. I'm not even sure of that name. That was about 1940. This fellow was a Czechoslovakian, I know because he told me. He was under forty. He was moderately heavy, not fat, but just solidly built, and about 5'8" I would say. He had one peculiarity - he had a very great interest in shoes. The reason I happened to know that, he told me that as a child in Czechoslovakia he had no shoes and now his weakness was shoes. He couldn't pass a shoe store without looking and he generally bought. He probably collected a lot of shoes. He didn't make any secret of the fact to me that he was a Soviet espionage agent and didn't have to actually, because of the way I come to meet him and I knew.

Jack
BILL, or whatever his name was, said that we should forget about the Trotskyists and that the Soviet Union was in greater danger and the Trotskyists were no problem, and that he wanted me for more serious business. He told me that I should go to the KELLEX COMPANY, I believe that was the name. It was a subsidiary of KELLOG, the Engineering outfit in New York. That I should go to KELLEX and apply for a job, that there was something going on there that they wanted to know more about. This was in New York City. It may have been 1941 or 1942. I believe it was before that. I can't place the date definitely. The only way I can remember these dates is by association with something else, but I heard later, that they were concerned with the Manhattan Project. He didn't tell me what was going on there. He told me the address that I should apply to. Again I refused to go, but I didn't tell him so directly, and got rid of him. I had no idea what it was all about. I had no idea of the Manhattan Project until I read it in the newspapers. He wanted to get me a job at KELLEX. I told him that I had applied for a job and had been rejected. Actually, I did not apply. Then he asked me if I would work again on a consultant basis for him and I told him that that depended entirely on what he wanted to know. By this time the Soviet agents were pretty much disgusted with my lack of cooperation and I didn't hear any more from them for a period of a year or so.

When he contacted me again, he did it by telephone and he told me that he wanted to know how penicillin was manufactured. I told him that I had no definite information but that I could tell him in general how penicillin was manufactured and the type of micro-organism that was used. I wrote him a report on the methods used in penicillin manufacture at that time. This con-

* *I think that I told him I had applied for a job with Kellex, and been rejected.*

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cerned both the surface growth method and the submerged growth method, which is used currently, although I had practically no specific information. He asked me to obtain a culture of the organism which was used, *Penicillium notatum* which I obtained for him from the American Type Culture Collection, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. I obtained this culture ~~form~~ *for him* and I gave him detailed instructions as to how it should be cared for, the type of culture media to be used in transplanting, etc.

On a subsequent visit he told me that the culture had been sent to the Soviet Union and had arrived safely. At this time, we were already involved in the war and he didn't bother me for a period of a few years. He's the last man I ever saw. He's still in this country too.

Jack
I didn't hear any further from *Bill* until a few years after the war was over. I think it was about 1948. One time when I was out, a phone call came to the BERG LABORATORIES for me and the story was that a Mr. WATKINS, who had met me in England, wanted to see me. WATKINS didn't mean anything to me and he had probably assumed that I was in the Service and I had been in England. So this WATKINS character called back a week or so later and I was in at the time and I recognized his accent as being *Bill*. So I made an appointment to see him in New York.

We met in front of Macy's Department Store and he said that he wanted to re-establish the contact with me which had been lost and he wanted me to do some work for the Soviet Union. I told him that I was not in a position to do any work for the Soviet Union, so he said well, another reason he wanted to establish the contact with me, sometimes people's sympathies change and he wanted to know if I was politically o.k. and I told him I haven't been politically o.k. from your standpoint for many years. He wanted to know if I wanted to work for him. I told him again, that it depended upon the nature of the work. If you want bona fide consultant work you can have Amtorg contact me but if you want espionage work I'm not your man. I didn't hear anything further from *Bill* until the Monday morning preceding HARRY GOLD's arrest. At that time, a Mr. WATKINS called again and I was not in the Laboratory at the time so I didn't take the call. WALTER ALKUS, Superintendent, told me that a Mr. WATKINS or a Mrs. WATKINS, I can't be sure which now, but in any event, that WATKINS had called. This was Monday that Mr. WATKINS had called and wanted to see me. I didn't hear anything further from WATKINS since then.

Witnesses

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Rec'd

Jack

last row Jack in front of
Macy - May or June 1948

my

in 1945 furnished Jack, in his orbital
and scorbutic — and ascorbic
factors which will produce vitamin

orbital is base of ascorbic acid (Vitamin)

this culture was also produced from
American Tiger Culture ^{William} ~~for~~
giving experiment — gave his
specimens to Russian while he was
still developing the

Disinfectants

gave to Peter Petrov
early in 1945

worked on same for Peter Petrov but
this is not one to give to Petrov



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WHL
RWH

Travel

In 1939 went to New Castle Del for NOPCO to
a Regis Co. — went and NOPCO

business —

also went to Wash D.C. to see

Mr Charles Condo regarding subbedding
plants from Philippines —

Reviews of NOPCO — sent them some
where. — to handle NOPCO
business

ReportJoseph Brodsky

about 1941 was living in Philadelphia - believed still here - one day H. G. appeared in New York at Bl apt - H. G. back Penn Syar - Gold had Joseph Brodsky with him - Gold suggested Brod take a shower - Gold said Brod was Y.C.H. and fellow student at Adel - was interested in helping S. U. R. in U.S.; father took him to Russia & went back to U.S. Gold asked Block to look him over - this was to be before Gold introduced to his Son Sup -

wrote a report that Brod was not good material to make an agent - Brod knew why he was there - Brod

hurled from the name - Block disapproved of him -

several years ago Block asked Gold what happened to Joe Brodsky - Gold said that he was active in some movement - union - did not say if among circles - married and several children -

do not believe he saw Peterson on that trip -

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UPW
PWW

Contacted
~~at~~

Joe Brodsky

about 1944 photo of Jack Reun

believed ident with

Joe Brodsky — cannot say

for sure

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WPA
RWD

Contact

1. introduced to [unclear] [unclear] to [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] to [unclear]
[unclear]

then Petersen wanted more contacts
— [unclear] no more —

then [unclear] Petersen wanted him to
get [unclear] [unclear] — report on this
angle continually —

Petersen wanted to set him up in business
as a blind for [unclear] — agreed to
set up in any field — offered
actors (of cash (1935))

Bell during 34/

Heller

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new
RWA

Heller turned over in 37-38 - Parker patents
Black to Peterson -

Heller + Black discussed other ACP patents but
not given to Peterson.

Saw Heller last night - once a week when in
this country

Heller stopped in on returning from Stal - stopped
to see if I was involved - no
special reason to be involved -

claimed Heller furnished info so that we could
go into business - chemical -

Heller + Black did not see each other much
between 34 to 38 - after out of hospital -

Heller is highly neurotic - great fear -
Heller thought he was trying to steal his
girl friend -

Heller never asked if I told his Russian
contacts -

2) Spent time
telling Heller that he could get
it to Russian contacts -

never substantiated being asked to handle
Heller - told him that he was
highly neurotic

"brothers" - term used to designate
cover agents - known as
"ambassadors" - parents of members and
"brothers" cover agents

Some of
used 27

Ultra violet

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was
Rev'd

Suitcase

after finished -

checked in Penna Station
gave Peterson to study

has ultra violet light & transformer somewhere
in storage
used in scientific work.

Hotel not to
Cinema

Caltech -

microscope 9.00
Camera 15.00
for Brachylogy
port of return

William Styer

hope to process
ultra violet oil
leather oil
everything dried.
Peterson offered to set up
port of return car

NOPLD

can contact camera

was
Pellid

On 34-35 road was just up with
 ultra-weak light —
 Peterson told Peterson — was ultra weak
 light — Peterson told about it — wanted
 one — wanted it set up in form of
 suit case — B knew Peterson was
 engineering agent by then —

Someone wanted me to get out of C. P. + Peterson
 instructed me to drop from party —
 studied Russians for 3 months at Workers
 School in New York — 1933-34

Peterson told me not to see H. G. [unclear]
 not to see each other again

Photo album — Alti Case

Born Trotskyite in 1941 — born in [unclear] was
 political position in [unclear] — now
 thing in [unclear] light — decided to
 work out his own economic interests —
 planned to go in business for self —

Maintains that political opinions have changed

- liberal 1930
- comm 1931
- truly 1937
- liberal 1941

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Camera Jack took camera say, it wasn't B's property. B wanted it back. In '42-43 Jack called B @ home made appt @ a child's. But Jack appeared @ Camera & told it didn't discuss re possible jobs.

Meets

Jack & consecutive meets arranged at 1 time in progression. i.e. 1st 7th Ave & 17th St 7 PM 2nd 8th & 18th at 8 PM 3rd 9th & 19th @ 9 PM. Not necessary to phone. When B saw Jack coming he'd start walk. Jack would specify place - he usually used Childs on 45th, no writing of instructions etc. Material passed in rest. folded in newspaper. Tom would put down, Jack pick it up on leaving. On street, simply hand it over. Tom never told to watch for tail, but to leave if suspicious. Met Jack every 3 weeks or so 41 to 45. Very trivial stuff. I names of Trats asked, Tom would give names people who

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had already exposed selves as func-
tionaries. Repts re phony applica-
tions for jobs. Next time tell him
no luck. Jack couldn't understand
why. Admits loss of 40-50 mpts
with Jack in 7 yrs betw. '42 & '45.
Claims except for above, nothing
given. Threaten, plead, coax, seem
to cooperate, 2 cultures, 1 of penicillin
inoculum, one of ⁴⁵soil ⁴⁴soil. Later a
process Tom hadn't tested & didn't know
if it would work.

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was going to leave job - 1933 Feb -
Halbrook Ind. Co

took Heller going to leave - Heller
 told me about Henry's good
 Thomas went to the Cross, took H. G.
 me & went to work. He was a
 for Holbrook then sold to Penn. Slaver
 District & went to the next village.

old. P. Co. fairly anti Soviet.
Fairly hard to reach Govt. Pers.
Govt. in party which has in mind
peace.

43. When vol. 5-50/5-51 was
rec'd placed in Opton. Co. in
Cine. Cullen Custer Opt. (Practical)
5-5 Opt. then 17 Opt. kept apt
after Comm. Ph. 2-1-52
days later. Comm. in
5-1-52 Ph. to be made by

Law G once again... short visit... stayed @ N's apt. Didn't see him while @ Travel. B. hesitant re visits. G once planned go H of Am. Could get credit for Travel... through... for Xmas.

54-55. B knew of name of G's contacts... route purely visible. B met H.D. there G. M.D. only personal friend of G ever mentioned. B met H.D. @ H.G. @ Chem. Comm. NY.

B saw H.G. when returning from Xmas... H.G. H. he said... H.G. came to Nale to... job. Didn't want to return... but did. Called Ron place a few couple times.

B came Ph about 45. B left H.D. to become consultant. H.D. couple clients: H.G. & H.D. but... consulting work. B... (C. J. Subrogas)

Heard B went to... H.G. H.D. & H.G. plan to be consultants... H.G. knew B... no reaction from H.G. B... up to R. L. prob. C.P. results... H.G. H.D. was a draftman... B thinks all were C.P. B... int

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WRA
GWH

on unworked cotton wool has a creamy
to fawn color like P. Rubra. For a
light blue. Discoloration in patches,
Chinese hat last. (110 A. 7)

Chinese hot date (11:10 AM)
Chinese wanted Chinese loan proceeds.
Took Chinese rep to CP entry. HC that
it stupid.

B says he heard from a paper about H.G.'s visit to Hawaii. H.G. never told him. B never knew of Boston trip by H.G. (B left Chicago) Jan '45. He asked H.G. for few min at time. Called & visited H.G. in Pa sup cab. Two times in 1945. B called H.G. & found him out of town. Told T. where T. didn't require. Told Frank M.D. where he was. (Not necessary how detailed know H.G. act of town!)

Can't recall H/C being seen
in 9-45. B wearing clothing consistent
FO description. Body described,
B never heard as being in the

47 H.C. asked B to do another sample @ Police & Hahn & took to B's office. B was convinced w/g for B, but B was in poor health condition. For exp. H.C. asked B to go to H.C. bar and get for living & travelling to & from N.Y. - Phil. B very poor taller & thinner & had big deal cool 'g. Keep a character out by holding out hope. B. Over in a few & end. m. 14. Poor condition. B. doesn't want to go.

63 22 J
view
PWW

He rose out of the D. to Cooper
Hudson making it a main road
Fay Brown, he knows where was
Spruce St.

B. saw H.B. face-timer 11:50 AM
after Fuchs' car got down out
Carpenter in a little bit past his home
place campsite where later Pass @ Broad
St. Sta. (B. later stated in the collection)
B. was to see him anything to the house
Recalls seeing Fuchs in house on paper
Concluded to wait for Fuchs when B.
met him. He & H.B. came inside at
Broad St. Sta. about the same time as apt.
to get, and he had left there
(B. is navigating 11:55) met H.B.
down town & went to apt. got bag &
radio. He saw at once H.B. & H.C.
discussed Fuchs and spoke about the
anything happened in the morning
after the letter. (12:05)
D.B. admitted to the fact that
was Fuchs' collection. He collected
Fuchs' collection. He said
he had a paper on the
of the "Lupine" collection for
his (Fuchs) "Lupine" collection
"in the room". B. said (C-
if he could take the collection
could be a "Lupine" collection
after that at 12:15
at 12:15 & 12:15. There
was no record of it. Fuchs
had old photo. B. is not
place. He is going to publish it
it is one of H.B.'s old

operation, there was a
last 2 who of the UK was
said up. B asked how they
were. B said OK. When B
said he was contact in
FBI was looking for. B
agreed to last of the
9/11. B suspected that
before H.G. was in the
Knew he had to go to H.G. to see
common, however not any idea
why he was in the UK. H.G.
H.G. was in. B then went to see
H.G. called him. He had been
in the UK. B had been
explored. B had been in the
room for a long time. H.G.
said he needed money. B was
in the UK. B had been
in B. to telegraph money. B
short time. B had been
it had been in the UK. B
was in the UK. B had been
knew how to use H.G. money.
arranged about. H.G. didn't
anticipate arrest but died in hospital
suddenly over dose sleeping
pills. B had been in the UK.
B had been in the UK. B had been
things. 1. When Sarah Hester
left for Lancaster. 2. When
B called @ downstairs apt for
key to get radio. B had been
went too much contact with H.G.

B told H.G. he could be contacted thru Franklin Park if necessary. Probably saw into H.G. several times! Eugene P. Smalley has also met B there by arrangement. B asks question: Is his car confidential? Some things may be embarrassing to B personally. People try to get in touch with B @ F.P. B has developed drying coat for use in paint. Berg much tries to claim interest in it. No mystery about B's visits at F.P. Smalley was with Newport interests. B tried to sell paint dryer to him. B has told many people to contact him there. Space is human business. Jack Frost. B used to be a machine maker. Still does. Plans to leave Berg. Movements may seem mysterious but they aren't. B. announced at Franklin Park that B's responsibility as citizen and fell down on it. He now sorry. H.G. was old friend.

In 1932-34 - wanted to go to S. G. to live - Edmund P. Heller was with him on this idea - went with him to Ontario saw G. Oakeshield - asked choice young H.G. - indicated choice for chemist was good - met him several times

offer of Amstrong — ^{Stacy} of D. to make arrangements
with his class — and he wanted to
know if profitable for S. U. to go to expense
of sending them — wanted samples of
work. met at irregular intervals —
called office of Amstrong — made app. to —
would meet in restaurant (around
1934-35) — regard samples — gave
specific problem — F. H. & D. would
work and give him results. — later
he suggested this be done on fee basis — not
paid to S. U. but as work in U. S. for S. U.
on fee basis. F. H. decided that if didn't
want to go to S. U. and drop out

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Wm
Gunn

Ind Esp

10-5

furnished with process at NOPCO

ss - sulfonated oils

Leptate specialties

Other oils

info - given & samples of same furnished
very early period - Oosterman - gave
this to show his interest to Russia -

continued only with Oosterman - tried
to write and project info - to day - gave
notes to Oosterman (1931) gave everything
available to him NOPCO -

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Reck
Wm

contacts
with Jack

Too we several times to get job
with different jobs — I would say
in many cases, I applied and
was rejected

Schwartz going to Mexico

Meet
 Techniques

wanted to get to work - get engaged
first household

Meet

when meet together - would meet
 2 go down street - apparently would
 get go ahead signal then O.K.
 would handle business - all were
 very content - fight Overman
 he was never even prompt -

John - Sam

in H & S dict

if name as H & S handled - if contacted
 Black would use ~~same~~ different
 name -

I was previously instructed to
 use different names with different
 contacts -

J

65-4532
Revised
URW

Camera

Chemical lab to bacteriological lab

Petersen offered to buy five microscopes

— around —

— refused to accept it

tech prof. Eastern Kodak — just wanted

me to get right there — not make

contacts there

around
1936

also Weyand Co —

Montana to Montana Co

crude oil co — (Kellogg Co)

Reports

much information was given -

submit written reports (long hand)

Petersen - wanted ~~me~~ ~~himself~~ to give her a typewriter

fully suggest buy one
bought one later -

give him opinion of key board

gotten type - just not like cannot
use for the work
(bht for this reason)

Camera - from

Re-ucd -

Contax camera - Peders 1935

already knew how to operate for
document work -

but tragedy

gave incident's equipment
wanted him to photocopy info that

would get from contacts - also

get picture of Trot -

given model 3 L traded in for model 12

with camera once (1945)

photocopies 3 bibliographies on pencils

about 500 - these were

available on request - there was

not a lot of interest in pencils.

Jack took camera back to me ¹⁹⁴² ~~1945~~ - came
to house in Newark - angry because he
had exchanged camera - told he wanted
camera because people knew he had camera

65-4332

PLEH

WU

Remand

Jack suggested that he have car -

agreed to drive - told Jack never to

drivers license - received a license

wake nervous to drive car -

Jack offered to pay for car - pay for part of it

Rev'd
W

Packed

6-16

49 Spruce Chem developing drying apt
 for paint from Vol oil. Low high cost
 product from low cost and R. Lued
 H. H. Lued from ^{Berlin} P. Lued, was
 a ^{German} ^{Prussian} ^{Colonel} & Chem. Co. in ^{Prussia}
 P. found Rothman in H.G. & R. went
 R. Lued met P. Lued, discussed plans. P. Lued
 too big for P. Lued but was interested
 in cold war preparations. R. Lued P. Lued
 several times in ^{Turkey} & was in ^{Prussia}
 many phone calls & correspondence. P.
 dropped contact & H.G. said for Rothman
 had no force. I may be mild CP
 sympathizer but not member.

Black ~~had~~ looks at me Jack Brown. Two
 ident. asked if it was ^{Brady} look
 asume I said it could be. ^{John}
~~Brady~~ ^{Brady} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~ident~~ ^{ident}

^{Pittsburgh} ^{Rev'd} ^{was} ^{being} ⁱⁿ ^{Pgh.} ^{Lange}
 prob told Harry to work low cost apt.
 Harry would complain about contacts
 standing him up, slow pay, no money,
 crazy into places, so I would in it
 similar story to give sympathy. Could
 be to close friend because Harry was
 2 people #1 = H.G., a friend #2 = H.G., a
 low cost apt. Doesn't trust low cost apt.

Soviet contacts

P. 112-113
65-4532
Deedy
win

was called ^{almost} ~~always~~ weekly during 1934 to 38
to make arrangements to meet -

his newspaper - afraid to if threats -
stalled - not to involve

their newspaper - probably felt would
be of value - did not want to
lose a contact -

Vouch for loyalty to Trust

Em. S. [unclear]

George Brightman - my [unclear]

Harry [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

]

SW
assignment
in 1937

65-4522
PWA
WPA

Pedersen gave names
Jack Weber — Trot party notes
party names — wanted info
on him & wife Sarah Weber and
3rd person (female) name not recalled —
all members of Sov Party — Trot active in
household —
(not 3rd person but cyphers)

particularly of Webers — Sarah Weber had
been Trotsky in Turkey (was there) — lived
in Trot household — (6 months)
I'd find out correct names

Jack Weber had research job &
important work in Trot movement.
Sarah was with Cogan (secretary)
Trot as his secretary —
second time his secretary used
name of Sarah Levin
I'd find out where they lived

(this was after Peterson found
out he was in Sov Party)

could not find out who Weber was or
where lived

Sarah Levin to go to live again for Trot
(about 6 years or more after internal movement)
she asked Tom Black to live with Jack
Weber while she was gone — after Jack
didn't take care of self — Jack drove
to his home bringing her, P.S. — Tom
broke out — killed wife and never gave
info to Peterson —
Sarah Weber — correct name Tom

• Sarah Jacobs - research engineer for
Thomas O. Edison in Orange, N.J. - lost
job - Peterson gave Tom hell and
then told Tom how easy it would
have been to find out

there were only people interested in
the network branch -

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Rec'd
WV

Trot

inform in general in several

names & addresses of all members

primary thing - who was close to Leon Trotsky -

generally not interested in large groups

interested in people interested

in 4th International

65-4332
QWON
WBU

Trot activity

House "Lenin to Trotsky" - photo in N.Y.C. -
after that S.W.P. wanted to buy it - C. J. Wright
destroyed it - but from Max Eastman -
- present times has Trot photo in his
possession - late photo of Trot - also
slides of Trot life - S.U. would
buy them - retained - storing them -
S.U. will not get them - S.W.P. had them
for money - retained them - if wanted
to gain favor - could have turned
over to S.U. - never been asked to get
them by S.W.P. -

submitted further copy of history - retained
- that copy is not to be used - important -
C

Trot

give fantastic story of party young
underground scene

Told Jack of Howard Trot

gave interested to act

give fiction

H.C. to be in the men in N.Y. and
they are saying they had been
furnishing him information.

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JEW
W

Brothman

Jennie Zaveronka
(Zaveronka)

ma's "Belgrade"
now wanted to live in
Cincinnati and to live in
DeBack -

only man tel book - for the Will.
mother - leaves -

worked several times for Harry Gold
Brothman's office -

Blade received from girl for Harry -
This poor thing told that Harry
Koyshitz was trying to establish
a clothing business -

tel to
NY with
Red 5-17

]

being found out

were discussed with Helen being discussed

in 1939 learned of Chambers at Trotsky's
conventions. — felt might be decided —
— told Gold — go to Soviet Union —

never been in Pittsburgh

and that when came to Paris —

to break contact with C, CS & Trotskyists

believed in Trotskyist movement — later broke
had many personal friends with it.

Poland Kapp — grad of Columbia, President of "N" ^{for President}
worked for WOPEO ^{for Campbell} who
indicated his friendship with White

Chambers —

he knew I was a C but not
with Soviet Agent — told him
to tell his friend that Black
was member of party & invited
to go to WOPEO

felt Kapp ^{had been} involved with Chambers

CP membership

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Revlt
Wm

how joined party

joined ref - was presented - went in
and said wanted to be a member
5th floor - 15th St -
inquired Worker's Workshop - first floor -
filled out application card -
address in Jersey City -

(used same technique in joining
Trot - direct approach)

2 weeks passed
name may be either Toni or Tasso

(changed name in C. L. L. L.
Elizabeth, N.Y. - couldn't
get Tasso - (State
just)

girl came to house - talked with him
seemed to doubt - questioned
background

assigned to Unit 2 B - NYC - Rivera
greatly protected - sent back to Jersey City

ContactsHarry Gold

introduction of Harry Gold was only thing done
to develop contact for them

Peterson told to join American Chemical
Society, — never joined

Cal Tech

In 1934-35 wanted me to go Cal. Inst. Tech.

— study as long as wanted — do degree

H. G. told that they wanted him to go on —

during vacations H. G. told that they

were paying for his education —

They had given H. G. a contact there —

tutor at M. I. T. — tutored Russian

student there — not man was at

airplane factory near Cincinnati —

that man was refused to turn over

information — H. G. was for being

sent to Cincinnati — contact

refused to come over — H. G. to

persuade this — they told H. G. they

would provide funds and didn't do it —

told him then to get a job

Told:

interview

Always referred to as Tom Black — called at
home — 6-15

Winchester contract

work he worked for Hercules
powder. Got some sample of
pure rosin. Had been with
DuPont. 1st name William?
Last name may have begun
with S. Chemist but not
working at it. On road as
technical man. Wife owns
house out with hotel -
Verona ^{Calverly} - living during wk
with sister in Wilmington.
Friend of Tech librarian at
Hercules.

Tall, grey no hair. Glasses
thin features. lost 45 in 1944
or 40. After storm was with
hope.

One

abiatic acid which is part of rosin acids

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Info on Stapler

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(Bent
over)

William W Stapler
Naval Stores Department

5'10", 149, brown hair
brown hair, glasses
brn - 11/11/89, Wilmington, Del

married 1 son

father - William Webb Stapler
brn Wilmington, Del
mother - Emma Amole Stapler
brn Harmonyville, Pa

wife Ethel May Stapler
Pompton, N. J.

Ethel M Stapler
Riversdale, Morris Co, N. J.

— weekdays 602 Springer St

(After identifying
this man as William Stupie)

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Bell
manContactHecker

1945 -

Jack - introduced me to William S.

W. S. knew Jack by some other name -

W. S. griped to Jack about not being paid
for my presence

next time saw Jack - Jack gave
money in envelope -

met Bell in Penn Station, Newark, N.J.
and met me again there -

on 2nd visit - Bell S. was given envelope
containing money -

3rd visit - gave Black Tech publications
of Hecker - also sample of
obituary notice

arrangements to contact Bell - he to
call at home - I used name
George - wife knew his
activities or publishing info -
wife also knew name of George
wife's name not known

piece S.H. name

name of George -

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P.W.H.
W.H.

Bill S. in Wilmington every week - would
call on him & tell wife Jerry - wanted to
visit him

employed in electrical power department -
also in sales service department -

with Hercules & found with
RePar -

65-4332
DWG
WV

Identified photo of ^{Joseph} Jack Katz as
being Jack

Jack (Ovabian)

Seven Seven

for identification
purpose
one and only but
later and cannot recall

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Meeting with Agnew

65-4332
Pilot
w/

Paul Peterson

discrepancy

would meet in expensive restaurants - always paid
checks -

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Vill
Wine

Contacts

with Rowdy
used name of
"George Williams"

was paid \$5. by P. Schwartz & came to
see Mr. Hladoff - paid in cash and
had to give Receipt -

65-4332

Rec'd
Wm

Trotskyite

on one branch in Newark 30 members - ^{Tom Jones} joined with ^{Tom Jones} but used name Tom
Black since these people were intimate friends -
felt Trotskyite not subversive since had no relations
with foreign gov't and hence no need to
conceal identity - advocate watching of gov't but
in a different way

Bedwin - tried to see every couple weeks -
telephone call - arranged place or had is
for arranged place - claim and not
show up at first - tried to avoid it
as much as possible - I would see
them about once in 3-5 weeks when
felt it could not be avoided -

after they receive info that was not true & just
wanted to get into high party relations -
refused and never became more than ordinary
party member - joined our way to
committee in 1937 - Smith did not
pay - took position - was not
one time branch treasurer - not
interested in what went on at local
level - wanted info on higher level -

in all 4 years claim was given back up
of value -

65-4312
RWH
Wm

Gold

Always told us that he had given up
his own pocket and saw later
regarding

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WHA
wa

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5:10 PM

WJC

Admitted he was involved in espionage
activities insofar as he related to Holmes & Galt
but was not ~~not~~ engaged in espionage
Could answer ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ telling the truth
(Holmes & Galt)

[Gurnell + Meddators present]

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Brothman

Goldman to see Bl apt - G had
many offers in making eye contact -
want apt to meet Brothman in
Broth office not private enough - refused -
Knew Harry was Eng apt - did not want
to get mixed up -
found out later Broth effort in
mixed eyes.

G - told Bl about G and contact
contact (brilliant engineer who could
mingle info & value to) Gold suggested
Bl to name to his superior to take
over Broth of Gold drafted -
Black refused - subsequently learned it
was Brothman

apparently for G's superior
was willing for Bl to take over -

did not want to discuss his dealings
with H.C. - H.C. - often wanted to
confide in Bl - Black refused to
discuss the matters & Black tried
to evade it.

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PWH
W

Had gone over to Brothman's with help Gold
on several occasions.

[H. G. told Bl (Capt. G. I. [unclear] [unclear])
Brothman assumed some knew that
that Bl was something of a gold —
B. H. G. told Bl that Brothman learned
Gold's account of meeting with Bl —
Bl told Brothman that he had disclosed
before G. I.

Vera Kane

ask F.R. —

everything started in her apartment
the type run by NOPCO report
until American took his notes

she knows about Trotsky activities
+ Dr Schwartz. — Mexico City

known activities

before activities until
1944 — she advised
him to go to F.B.I.

6/15/50

Thomas L Black

1929 N 6th St

St Paul, Minn

SA Walter Holmes

FD 26 - comment to person

Identify as 1527 N 6th

File No. 65-4332-1B-1(T)

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 15, 1950

I, Thomas L. Black, having been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, hereby authorize

Jack Galbreath, and
Edward Pett, Special Agents of

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to conduct a complete search ^{file, laboratory and desk} of my ~~residence~~ located at

second floor front of Charles W. Berg John Jones, 1827 105th St
Phila., Pa.

These Agents are authorized by me to take from my residence any letters, papers, materials or other property which they may desire.

This written permission is being given by me to the above named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

(SIGNED)

Thomas L. Black

WITNESSES:

William B. Willey, Special Agent, F.B.I.
Robert W. Holmes Special Agent F.B.I.

Date Received

6/16/50

From SA E. A. Pitt

(Name of Contributor)

Phila. FBI.

(Address of Contributor)

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()

No (X)

Description:

Notes of search by E. A. Pitt of
Black's Lab. at Chas. Beech Laboratories

File No. 65-433v-1B-1(8)

1827 N. 5th St.
Phila.

Chemical Laboratory

1827 (N. 11th St) Sept. 16/50

8. 1947-48 Technical Manual & Year Book
of American Assoc. of Textile Chemists
& Colorists on page 414 name

Richard E. Rietew 3804

Pleasant Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

Alvin J. Rietew, Jr., Textile Chemical
Works, 1510 Camden Rd.

marked with red pencil

in alphabetical list of members.

Expert Chas. Beightrations 6/16/50
1874 4th St. - 302 PM

File content of T. Black.

2nd same fin 7p-

#1. Card with label Protein & Chemical Name

2. Cuss mit dem formula

3rd Dinner

Patent Office

#3 Photostat Spojer #886365
4th Drawer

#4 Invoice 4/27/47 Phila Book Co.

In leather, coat pocket folds & is covered.

#5, Slip of paper headed "Black List"

#6 1111 "W. A. Anderson"

4th Grade -

#7. Can. Dr. Hugh D. Speltz

7.8 - cond - Jute 11 K. 2004

#9 card - E. A. King

#10 case - M. E. Dougherty

#11 Lager can name - T P Willard

#12 Hotel Leland - Richmond, Va
finished 6 PM

French 6 PM

Date Received 6-15-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By SA R. W. Holmes, J. G. Maddox, W. D. Curran, E. L. Humphries, W. B. Weller
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description:
Log of interview with Thomas
L. Black on June 15 and 16, 1950
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WJW
1
SAs WJW & Wette
Full/Hunter

10:10 AM hit T @ Terry Chinn &
started for office

10:32 AM Arrived office. WJW notified

10:51 AM interview started

12:00 SA Howard Pearl entered
& took order for lunch.

12:45 PM Steno Colthorpe enters
& starts taking statement
from T Black.

12:50 PM Coca Cola brought to Black,
which he accepted & drank.

1:06 PM Black finishes dictating
statement & stenographer
leaves.

1:11 Black goes to mens' room

1:17 Sandwiches & coffee brought
in for Black & Agents. All
ate.

1:45 Finished eating

1:50 Finished statement dictated.

Black read it over and
makes addition on page 2.

2:07 PM Black signs statement &
Agent returns it.

2:10 PM Interview resumed.

2:17 PM Stenographer Harry Peritt
enters with stenotype machine.
Black dictates statement
to him. Peritt

3:35 PM Black gives 2 pieces hard candy
which he ate.

REDA

4:17 PM Miss Penner replaced by Miss Rooney & interview continues.

4:25 PM Black goes to men's room.

4:30 PM Agent Pearl brings in water for Black.

4:30 [Pearl takes Miss Rooney, Welter & Holmes leave. Black converses informally with Agent Pearl.

4:52 PM Welter & Holmes bring in Waiver of search form which Black signs. Welter & Pearl leave.

4:56 PM Welter & Miss Rooney return. Interview resumes.

5:10 PM Miss Rooney leaves. Interview continues.

5:25 PM Welter leaves to get stenographer.

5:30 PM Miss Corbin enters with Welter & interview resumes.

5:45 Miss Corbin leaves.

6:09 Black shows photographs.

6:25 Black requests drink of water. Agent Pearl called & he refilled thermos of tea. Black helps self.

6:55 Black says he is hungry. Places meal order. Orders coffee, dark without sugar & cream & cheese on tray, cherry or blackberry pie.

7:14 Clerk Matecki delivers food which was previously ordered. Interview continues while eating.

RMK

Black has ham & cheese on rye,
coffee & piece apple pie.

7:45 PM Black finishes eating.
Interview continued.

9:10 Black shown photo album

9:12 Finished looking at album

Interview resumed.

11:10 PM Capt. Seale & Humphreys enter.
Det. Wilt & Holmes leave. Black
reads transcript of earlier
interview.

12:05 Capt. Holmes re-enters room.

12:10 Coffee delivered to Black.

12:12 Det. Wilt enters & Humphreys leaves

12:20 Black finishes coffee & juice & begins
reading & signing transcript of
interview.

12:37 Departed from office. Black, Wilt,
Cuniff, Humphreys (driver) Middleton

12:35 A Arrived Benjamin Franklin Hotel
9th & Chestnut St. Philadelphia at 1:00 PM

12:38 A Black, Wilt, Cuniff, Middleton
arrived room 924 Benj. Franklin Hotel

12:41 A Moved to room 924. Black, Wilt,
Cuniff, Middleton, Humphreys

12:44 A Humphreys to room 924.
Cuniff - Wilt - Middleton - Black

1:00 A Humphreys arrived. Remained
in room 924. 2 PM

2:00 A Interview completed. Black related
snake story. Humphreys entered 9:28

1:38 A Story completed. returned to 9:24. 8 PM
Humphreys - Cuniff - Middleton

Black Black prepared for bed.
8 PM

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1:46 AM Black told Middleton he could hold his knife tight. W

1:48 AM Black went to bed room 914 W

1:49 AM Middleton left 914 W

2:10 AM Black got up in bed to have a cigarette - started
[] but was all he wanted was a smoke around 2:28 AM

2:12 AM Black finished cigarette and laid down W

2:35 AM Black looked at watch and settled down W

2:45 AM Middleton entered room 914 W

2:47 AM Thompson left room 914 W

4:15 AM Black awoke and initiated
a conversation with Curran +
Middleton. Smoked a cigarette.

Curran suggested if he wanted
anything. Black replied, No
unless you have a sleeping
pill.

Black suggested that Curran
take notes on things to
elaborate on when he
arises in A.M. J.M.

4:34 AM Smoked another cigarette and

continued to mention intentions
to ask Curran about in A.M. J.M.

5⁰⁰/A Humphreys called Curall,
Curall to 928 Humphreys
to 924. Black turned over
to get a call up J. Don

5²⁷/A Black came in & called
& returned to bed J. Don

5³⁹/A Black asked if he could see dentist
J. Don said yes to dentist

6⁵⁰/A Curall called Black to bed
928 left

6⁵⁷/A Black came in make cigarette
J. Don several things about that he
wanted to question when interviewed
J. Don left

7¹⁰/A Black up to sleep left

8¹⁰/A Black came in make cigarette left

8¹⁵/A Black gave in bacon & eggs, coffee drank in that
room but not that left

8²³/A Black gets up and get dressed in his room
tooth room

8³²/A Black Humphreys & Curall go into Room 928
left

8:29 AM B took down with the train in
direction of box 928

8:35 AM C took down with the train in direction of box 928

8:39 AM [C took down with the train in direction of box 928]

8:45 AM A took down with the train in direction of box 928

8:43 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928

8:44 AM C took down with the train in direction of box 928

8:46 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928
inquest and the 6/16/50 trial inquest

8:55 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928

9:20 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928

9:34 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928
inquest and the 6/16/50 trial inquest

9:38 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928
inquest and the 6/16/50 trial inquest

9:40 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928
inquest and the 6/16/50 trial inquest

9:48 AM B took down with the train in direction of box 928
inquest and the 6/16/50 trial inquest

7:57 am. No. 214-12th St. 2 PM

10:04 arrived at office - 500 W. Main
20th St. 1 PM

10:14 AM [SA] [Walt & Holmes]
SA [Walt & Holmes]

10:47 AM SA Carmichael enters and has
conversation with Black.

11:01 AM SA Carmichael leaves & inter-
view resumes taking up
questions dictated to Agents in
early morning.

12:22 PM SA Holmes leaves & SA [Walt] con-
tinues interview.

12:35 PM SA Holmes returns, takes up
interview & SA Walt leaves.

12:40 PM Black asks to go to men's room.
He & SA Holmes go.

12:42 PM Black & SA Holmes return. Black
gives stick of gum, & interview resumes.

1:01 PM SA Walt returns.
1:15 PM SA Walt leaves with lunch order.

1:16 PM SA Walt returns.
1:34 PM SA Walt leaves.

1:35 PM SA Walt returns.
1:40 PM SA [Walt] delivers album & 2
clerk delivers previously ordered food.

PMH

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- 1⁴¹ PM Clerk leave. Black gets ham
& cheese sandwich, cake & coffee.
- 1⁵¹ PM Clerk leaves. Black & Apts
eat lunch & talk informally.
- 2¹⁰ PM [Black finishes lunch & smokes
cigarette. Cigarettes & water are
at hand & he drinks & smokes
continually.
- 2¹¹ PM Black is shown photo al-
bums.
- 2¹⁵ PM Black identifies photo of his
last contact "ack".
- 2²⁶ PM Black identifies picture Oswald man.
- 3⁰⁹ PM Completed examination of albums.
- 3¹⁷ PM Person to person call to Percy Helie,
53 Holden St., Worcester, Mass., for Black.
- 3²⁰ PM Operator reports Helie not at unit
5⁰⁰ PM. Call ordered placed at 5⁰⁰ PM.
Interview continues.
- 4¹⁷ PM Fresh jug of water delivered.
- 5⁰⁰ PM Holmes & Helie enter. Middleton observed in
5⁴⁰ PM. Helie & Helie entered, exhibited 2 photos to Black. Wyc
5⁴¹ PM Helie & Helie left. Wyc
5⁴⁵ PM Helie in, Middleton & Carroll out.
- 5⁵⁰ PM Holmes in. Interview resumed.
- 6⁵⁰ PM Black leaning back in chair
against wall, as he talked, with
PWN

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Chair on back legs. Chair slipped and Black fell on floor. Got up, said he was unhurt, and continued fourth interview.

6⁵⁶ PM

SAC Cornelius enters.

7⁰⁰ PM

SAC Cornelius advises Black the interview is over and he can leave.

7¹⁰

Black, Willie D. Holmes leave room.

7¹⁵ PM

Black & SA Holmes leave office

7²⁹ PM

SA Holmes leaves Black at 1929 N. 6th St.

REH

Date Received 6/15/50

From Thomas L. Black
(Name of Contributor)

1929 No. 6th St.
(Address of Contributor)

By Walter Holmes
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (✓)

Description: Signed Statement of Thomas L. Black dated 6/15/50

65-4332-10-1(10)

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 15, 1950

I, THOMAS L. BLACK, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, Jr., who have identified themselves to me as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I need not make this statement and that anything that I may say can be used against me in a Court of Law. This statement is voluntary. No force, threats, duress or promises have been made to me. I have been advised that I am entitled to the right of counsel.

I reside at 1929 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia 22. I am employed as a consultant chemist principally for the CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia. I have known HARRY GOLD since February 1933. We developed a close friendship over a period of years, and for the past few years we have seen each other once every few months. It was customary for HARRY and I to arrange for a meeting by telephone and later meet at the prearranged place. This was generally the Library of the Franklin Institute, or occasionally at the Broad Street Station, a Horn and Hardart automat, or more rarely at his laboratory in the hospital.

In the early part of February 1950 after the arrest of FUCHS, HARRY GOLD called me on the telephone and said that it was quite urgent that he see me. I told GOLD that I had some personal business to take care of in the down town section and that I would meet him in the Broad Street Station. From there we walked to 2124 Spruce Street where I was to pick up a radio which belonged to me. During this walk HARRY told me that he had been FUCHS's American contact and that if anything should happen to him he wanted me to look after his father and brother. As nearly as I can recall his exact words were "The FBI is looking for FUCHS's American contact and I am that man." He said that if he should be caught he was going to take an overdose of sleeping tablets which he had acquired, this being the easiest way out. I tried to persuade him from committing suicide. I accomplished my personal business and we separated. I had no reason to disbelieve HARRY's statement because I did know that he traveled to New York occasionally without any apparent business, and I also knew that he made a trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico some time before the test atomic bomb was exploded in New Mexico. I know this because he telephoned me from a hotel in Albuquerque and asked me to telegraph him some funds. I was short of funds myself at the time and so I did not comply with this request. I had no

Thomas L. Black
June 15, 1950

Witness

William B. Welte, Spec. Agt., F.B.I., Phila., Pa.
Robert W. Holmes, Special Agent FBI Phila.

knowledge at the time of the nature of his business in New Mexico, but I presumed that it was probably with reference to employment. The telephone call referred to was made in the late afternoon or early evening to my home address at 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, telephone number Market 3-5710 (?). I have never previously given the information of HARRY's complicity to anyone up until this time. I fully realize that I had certain responsibilities as a citizen to inform the proper authorities of his statement. The reason that I did not inform anyone was that I was frankly very scared at the time and I did not want to become involved if it could be avoided. Also, it is a very difficult decision to be forced to make as to whether or not I should give any information told to me in confidence which would jeopardize a friend of very long-standing. In retrospect I very deeply regret that I did not at that time come forward with the information which would have aided in HARRY's apprehension.

If I can be of any further assistance to the FBI in this or other matters I am willing to cooperate.

I have dictated this to a stenographer in the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The sum of money requested by Harry Gold from Albuquerque, N.M. (referred to above) was \$50, as nearly as I can recall. I knew from the newspapers that Klaus Fuchs had been arrested in England for transmission of A-bomb secrets to the Soviet Union. Harry Gold told me that he had been the contact man between Fuchs and a Soviet agent, in transmitting these secrets.

I have read this two page statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief. I'm signing this and the other page.

*Witness
William B. Wells, Jr., F.B.I. Phila., Pa.
Robert W. Holmes, Special Agent FBI Phila. Pa.*

Thomas A. Black

*- 2 - 1929 N. 6th St.
June 15, 1950*

Date Received

1/16/50

SA Eakett

(Name of Contributor)

FBI Phila

(Address of Contributor)

(Name of Recipient)

To Be Returned

No

Description:

Notes of search at 1929 N 6th St Phila.
Room of T.L. Blank by Eakett

File No.

65-433v-1B-1(11)

192911 75 St. East 6/15/50

Arrived 7:5 PM 1-7-1

NW corner - top of box chest

1. Science News Letter June 28, 1947

2. Science News Letter Nov. 9, 1946

3. Business card - Industrial Com. Corp. Karl S. Sander

4. Dip. Ticket Industrial Trust Co 12-14-48 for 20

5. Paper - Stanley S. Sander

6. Business card - James R. Harrington

7. Business card - Thomas J. Cactoten

8. Business card - Molnar Pub.

9 - Postal card name corrected

10 - Letterhead L. Cooper

11 - Envelope & Card - Dec 18, 1946

12 - Envelope - Brod. Invoice to 03653 with note

13 - Typewritten page - J. Sander

{ Franklin Institute Library Book Deposits

{ #14 thru #38.

#39 Franklin Institute Announcement Meeting May 5, 1948

#40 thru #44 Card with Miss Note

#45 Envelope & Letter Seattle Wash from 2570 6th Ave

#46 Envelope & Business card with return address Seattle, Wash

#47 Business card Thomas L. Satchell
#48 Envelope with 3 workman Receipts Hades
#49 US Patent Office #2461300
#50 " " " #2182056
#51 " " " #2442531
#52 " " " #2443184
#53 " " " #2417309
#54 " " " #2461048
#55 " " " #2455812
#56 " " " #2305619
#57 French State Patent #886,365 4 pages
#58 US Patent Office #2445931
#59 " " " #2463734
#60 Folder Clippings N E D
#61 " magazine page clipping E & T
#62 " clippings OPD
#63 " "
#64 Folded name Mr J. Cicerone
#65 Letterhead The Penn Record Roberts P.
#66 Envelope contents for G. Proctor & Co.
July 7, 1948

1944 N 6th St

Expt - 7/57

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#67. Paper re fusion Atomic Phosphorus

#68. Electric Time Series Device 59447

#69. Card } attached

#70. paper with misc. notes } by paper clip

#71. Paper 1 sheet 1 Oil, Paint & Drug Reports

#72. Paper misc notes chemical

#73. " " chemical notes

#74. " " " "

#75. " " " "

#76. " " " "

#77. Paper Envelope containing U.S.

Patent Office } # 2288947,

2166812

2223850

2248346

2275075

2288946

#78. Photostats 590851

192 ● N 6th St. exp. 6/15/50

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Ketchen

In Large Paper Bag

#79 Small Black diary
#80 Envelope & contents (letter) from Germany
In Card Box under Dress

#81 Envelope (empty) from Berlin

#82 5 page letter

#83 letter dated Nov-5

In another cardboard Box under Dress

#84 Note May 10, 1947

#85 US Patent # 1725875

#86 US Patent # 2298501

#87 " " " # 2298501

#88 " " " # 2352160

#89 " " " # 2403937

#90 " " " # 2293676

#91 " " " # 2089212

#92 " " " # 2094608

#93 " " " # 2094609

#94 " " " # 2305619

1929 ● 6 1/2" Ek # 415/60

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Kitchen —

Cashier B. M. Under (Vice)

~~#94 Envelope & letter postmarked July 15, 1946~~

#95 Book Telephone Numbers

#96 Page of Purchases L. B. 1946

#97 Envelope & letter postmarked July 15, 1946

#98 U.S. Patent Office # 2159 988

#99 " " " # 2486444

#100 " " " # 2026816

#101 piece of paper with notes

#102 yellow envelope name Benjamin Clayton

#103 Envelope & card from B. Webster Clayton

#104 Envelope with United States Stamp

#105 Letter of 11/14/50 2 pages

#106 Letter Perry H. Helie 4-18-50

#107 U.S. Patent Office # 2470964

#108 " " " # 2479041

#109 " " " # 2479628

#110 " " " # 2479629

1924 N6 #8 Eat 6/15/50

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Kitchen

Cardstock carton under Messer

#111 U.S. Patent Office # 2478089

#112 Letter + envelope Fresno Aug 7 1946

#113 postcard with paper name Morris Friedman

#114 envelope to Morris Friedman

#115 Personal Telephone Directory

#116 Envelope containing 35 mm microfilm

#117 card R.R. Pottash M.D.

#118 Piece graph paper with Mess. Notes

#119 Card proposal Franklin Institute

#120 wedding announcement

#121 Sheet from Susan Institute 7/1/49

#122 Clipping with name H.B. Kelley

#123 U.S. Patent Office # 2460117

#124 U.S. " " # 2128354

#125 " " " # 2065728

#126 " " " # 2047196

#127 " " " # 2476053

1926 N6th St Ego 6/15/50

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Kitchen

In Cardboard Box under Dresser

#128 US Patent office # 2474719

#129 Envelope & Xmas card

#130 sheet paper with notes

#131 Trunk of Keys, Book, Tool & String Box

#132

Left hand drawer of dresser

#134 piece of torn card attached by clip

#133 letter Dear Fred dated 1-14-50

#134 long sheet paper with notes

#135 letter Dear Fred dated 1-14-50

#136 page 84 "Cement Toppings"

#137 small note on P. B. Products

1929 N. 8th St.
Kitchen. Drawers

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lower drawers

- #138 Philadelphia PTC Map
- #139 check at West Hudson State Bank 9-14-46
- #140 Telephone Number Book
- #141 Card - W. et al. J. Charles
- #142 Emerson, Irving B 23961
- #143 Piece of card Tel. Re 9-14-75
- #144 Card - Herbert B. Lerner
- #145 Envelope addressed Sidney Lees
- #146 card misc. notes
- #147 R. S. Patent office # 2032314
- #148 " " " " # 2093576
- #149 " " " " # 2032313
- #150 " " " " # 1970578
- #151 " " " " # 1918372
- #152 " " " " # 2032314
- #153 " " " " # 1737782
- #154 " " " " # 1918373
- #155 " " " " # 1932180
- #156 " " " " # 2342788

Date Received 6-19-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. Clifford Dinsley
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description: Surveillance notes
on 6-18-50 on Black

File No. 65-4332-1-B-42

see ser/65-4332-223

6-18-50
12 Took up surveillance at
N. York Penn RR station
100 off train
101 Small Black building
from N.Y. Park
from train towards
0:20 men room
0:10 Phone booth
RA-5-9425
0:15 left by subway
to Brooklyn
1:27 by 3rd Ave to 64
Derby St
6:30 Home
6:30 left home walked
100 entered Atlantic
drug store 2040
Serrano Ave
12 left drug store
walked south on
6:57
1:53 arrived home
1:10 lights out
2:30 surveillance
doc.
JCO
JCS 2/4.0.
RVA

Date Received 6-20-50

From SA's Wm B. Welte Jr. & Robert W. Holmes
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By _____
(Name of Special Agent)

Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Subject:
Log of above agents' interview
on 6-20-50 with Thomas L. Black.
65-4332-103-(13)

6-20-50

WBN

RWH

9:43AM Black called SA Holmes on phone asked if it would be convenient for him to come to the office. Was told yes, he is at work, had few things to do & will be in in about an hour.

10:37AM Black arrives in office reception room.

10:42AM Interview starts in room 517 with Black, SA W & B Wette Jr. & SA Robert W. Holmes present.

10:48AM SA Holmes leaves room.

10:53AM SA Holmes reenters room with stenotypist Jack Hally. Black is told by SA Holmes of right to counsel & continued that his remarks may be used against him.

10:54AM SA Holmes leaves room.

10:55AM SA Holmes reenters room.

10:57AM SA Wette makes phone call asking for pitcher of water for Black.

11:00AM SA Hark brings glass of water.

11:01AM Black finishes glass of water, & SA Wette gets him fresh one.

RWH

6-20-50

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1152AM P. Holmes leaves room

11.54A19 57. Holmes re-enter

12 PM Interview temporarily
considered ~~for~~ ^{on} hold. (A) will
leave.

1:27 PM Blomberg, SAs Walter & Holmes leave
for lunch.

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PM ✓ Black & SA - W. cte & Holmes returned
from lunch, having eaten at Horn.
& McDonald's, going to Drury,
Lure.

1 $\frac{10}{PM}$ Heroglyphs known. Penetration
eaten, & under a stone, covered,
with black volcanic stone.

1:52 PM Black remarks it is getting warm (it isn't) and asks if we mind if he opens collar. He does, & removes coat, which is put on hanger by SA Volner.

2:15 PM SA Holmes refills glass of water

SA Walter leaves. Berg reads
list of items retained on search
of his apartment & desk - at
Berg's list. While he reads,
Stu & Harry Mooney enter. Black
signs 2 lists. & PWID

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WHL
TAVH

2:50 PM Interview resumed with
him moving to his notes

3:18 PM Black asks for recess. He
goes to the bathroom.

3:27 PM [Black & SA Welter return, &
interview resumes.

3:29 PM Translator Harry Tipler enters
to get material & leaves
immediately.

3:51 PM Black suggests recess &
buy a coke. Discussion of
arrangements for continuation
of interview.

4:11 PM Interview resumes.

4:10 PM Interview concluded at
SA Welter's suggestion. Agreed
to meet at 6:30 Wed 6-21-50.
SA Welter & Black leave office.

TAVH

Date Received 6-20-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. Clifford Dineley
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (x)

Description: Notes on physical
surveillance on 3 L. Black 6-19-50

File No. 65-4332-131-114

See ser 65-4332-224

7:20 Left home
 walked S. on 15th
 to Berks, con. to
 to 5th South on
 to work
 7:27 at Lab 1927 45th
 7:25 went to cigar store
 1808 Glenmont
 8:00 Returned to work
 had small bag -
 brown paper bag
 10:50 Left work
 left package newspaper
 10:51 arrived home
 10:57 Left home walked
 to Cate's Drugstore
 11:05 Both entered Cate's
 Drugstore
 11:16 Left Drugstore
 South on 6th
 11:20 Home
 12:05 Lights out
 12:30 Surveillance disc
 2:00

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 3:30 Went up surveillance
 at 50 Berks
 4:12 clock left
 place of work
 4:14 entered Cigar
 store 1808
 Glenmont
 4:22 Left Cigar store
 + back to work
 had newspaper
 5:40 Left work N on S.
 W. of Berks, N on
 6:57 to home
 Had brown box
 under arm
 5:46 at Home
 5:49 Left home
 walked N on 6th
 5:52 entered Cate's
 Drugstore 2040
 Glenmont Ave
 6:30 Left Drugstore
 walked S. on 6th
 6:35 Suby arrived
 home

Date Received 6-15-50

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By J. C. Lipp
Name of Special Agent

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (x)

Description: Notes on Linnell
on Z. L. Black on 6-14-50

File No. 65-4332-1-B7-(5)

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Wgc

3:20 PM On location
in front of Town Hall
150 N. Brook in P. 24
Word received from R M G —
1938 De Vota Pa Grey
54 H Z 9 parked in front
of Grading & Pine Arts
Registered at Alvin
Dickster (?) 4515 Pine
Dover described as white
5'6", 160 lbs, dark hair,
receding, dressed in light
grey-blue trousers, darker
blue jacket, in hat
P. 115 in corner Brook & Vine NW

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6-14-50

lgc

4:24 PM Informed by 115 that
sub package in car.
(owner 54429)

4:40 Sub package made
U turn proceed North
Broad + East on Grace
finally parking on N side of
Willow St just west
of 2nd facing east.
Close to NW corner of
Will + Willow with sign
on side "John's Variety
Shop". Package was
not in car but writer
did not see where he
had gone. Arrived at 4:55

(3)

6-14-50

Wye

5:10 PM Cam with person
drove left and proceeded
to 5th & Grace
parking on south side
of Grace in front
of 416. He ^{did not} could
not see ^{any} packages
left car. He arrived
in front of 416 at 5:35 PM

5:40 Sub package departed
in Cam with 2 passengers
proceeding North

5:58 G. man left out of
sub package car at
SE corner of Young & 8th

(4)

6-14-50

Log

Woman had faded
blond hair and wore
light, sandy hair type,
top cool 30-40 years?

Sub package proceeded
north on 8 parking at
6:00 PM on west side of
8th 1/2 block above
Spring. Sub package
and woman left car
and entered house.
Both passed just to north
of 1st Orange colored
'or pale sign' ^{looking north} set in
lawn just behind street

6-14-50

WGC

Thorne had dark
hair, had light colored
jacket on and pills-type
dress with small flower-
type pattern

6:05 PM - Winter secured
+ JTM in P22 photo
over

6-4-50

Log

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6:25 Arrived rd +
Medor

6:18 Cachege and
Companion left Blue
Mercury and crossed
to Oshimuk at
rd + Mileage
According to P21
Mercury has H2206
plates.

1. 3 Left to go 6-14-50
log

7. 2. Back at 7.10
+ Metro

8. 1. Back to comparison

8. 2. Departed restaurant at
W. 10th and 2nd

8. 12. Alighted from Murray
at 5th and Cedar

8. 12. Crossed St. Louis at
5th and Cedar Rd.

No. 2035 47-27

8:31. Got off trolley at
Parkman & St. James

8:35. Entered phone store
SE corner 9th & Diamond

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6-14-50

Large

9:04 PM Backage left house

9:30 PM

" left office

9:35 PM

" arrived

Cpl rate drug 2040 Perm.

9:53 PM

Departed drug store

9:58 PM

Home

11:10 PM

Lights out

6/14/50

3¹⁰ JCO + 2 gm
 Picked up 5 E 8
 at 4th & South

3⁴⁵ Siding at 1827 hrs
 R P 21 & BP

4¹⁵ JCO + 2 gm
 at 1818 m
 54 H 29
 Alvin W. Specter
 4515 Pine St.

4¹³ Sub packing am Ent
 in Cherry, interested
 into

4¹⁰ in deposit

4¹² accident (lost at
 12th Street)